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U.S. Bishops Say 'Battle Is Joined'—Enemy Is Atheistic Materialism

Our Weekly Chat With You

Dear Readers...

IN his annual report on the National Organization for Decent Literature made for the recent meeting of the Bishops of the United States, Archbishop Noll says: "Activity in furtherance of the ideals of the N.O.D.L. was carried on to a greater extent during the past year, and especially in the past few months, than at any time since the early days of our organization."

"It is especially heartening," the Archbishop-chairman of the Bishops' commitee directing the N.O.D.L. continued, "to note that many Protestant, Jewish, educational, fraternal, patriotic and civic organizations have alerted their memberships to the dangers inherent in objectionable literature and, especially, in degrading comics."

The report calls attention to action taken by 24 of the nation's 27 principal publishers of comic books in appointing Judge Charles F. Murphy of New York administrator of their association, and, under his direction, adopting a code for the guidance of publish-

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This Week . . .

. . . We are featuring on page one two important Statements by the Bishops of the United States. The first "Victory—Our Faith," is the Statement given by the Bishops at their annual meeting in Washington, which was concluded last week.

The second is a protest against persecution by Communists in Russia and in states controlled by Russia. Herein the Bishops bespeak a word of consolation for all who suffer.

Read the Statements carefully. Live your Faith as suggested in the first, and you will pray that peace and justice may reign on earth.

THE Bishops of the United States of America, gathered in annual assembly at Washington, send greeting and paternal blessing to all their priests, religious, and people.

This greeting and blessing we send to you with mixed hope and concern. For while our hope is in the blessing of Christ and His Church, our concern is aroused by a tyranny already imposed upon a billion souls. It threatens the destruction of our own land as it has already attacked the culture of others. That tyranny is atheistic materialism, whether revealed in Communism or in Godless humanism.

This Is Our Enemy

The battle is joined. If our nation is to escape the fate of Poland and of China, of Yugoslavia and of Hungary, and of so many others, if we are to survive as a free Christian nation, then we must be clear-eyed and we must be strong. It is the blind and the weak who fall into the pit.

RESUME SHRINE CONSTRUCTION — Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington wields a trowel during ceremonies marking the resumption of work on the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D.C. Looking on is John McShain, contractor for the shrine's construction. A portion of the shrine, on the campus of the Catholic University of America, has been completed and been in use for 30 years. To be constructed now is the great Upper Church over the foundations, basement, and crypt sanctuary. The shrine, when completed, will be one of the largest in the world and is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. The Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., editor of **Our Sunday Visitor**, is chairman of the Bishops' committee in charge of raising funds for the construction. Archbishop Noll was prevented by illness from attending these ceremonies.

We need, first of all, to identify our enemy; to recognize it for what it really is. Some see the enemy only as a political state or group of states, or merely as an economic system. Spiritual vision gives better intelligence of the fact. The enemy is atheistic materialism. Whether it be entrenched in the organs of a foreign state, or in one of our own domestic institutions. It is atheistic materialism that seeks to destroy us. This is the enemy.

In the second place, we must be strong. Material strength is necessary, of course, and its proper organization and disposition are of immediate urgency. But material strength, like physical vision, is not enough. This nation must look to its spiritual strength. Our vast physical resources and our masterly technical skills will avail us nothing unless we are a people strong in the Faith which gives purpose to action, and in the morality which fosters discipline and courage. The true strength of a Christian nation is in the power of God which outweighs all force of arms.

Unfortunately, in recent times the drift from God and from the spiritual and supernatural view of life has seriously weakened this country. It is true that a rise in church membership has been reported during the past few years, but in the light of other evidence, one is forced to question how significant such mere statistics may be. One looks in vain for any corresponding increase of religion's beneficent influence upon the nation's life. Indeed, the trend in public and private morality has been downward; there is an alarming disregard in practice for God's teaching and for God's law. Is there any need to instance the growing evils in family life, the lustful self-indulgence which leads from birth prevention and divorce, from broken homes to the broken lives of youthful delinquents? Need we adduce in evidence the appalling circulation of indecent literature, and the low moral level of so much of the public entertainment.

God And His Law Ignored

It is not that the existence of God is expressly or generally denied; it is rather that so many men ignore Him and His law in their absorption with the material world which He created. There is not yet a deliberate turning away from God, but there is an excessive peroccupation with creatures. This form of materialism reveals itself as secularism in politics and government, as avarice in business and in the professions, and as paganism in the personal lives and relations of all too many men and women. "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." (Mark VII-6).

Materialism has brought about a decline in the influence of religion upon American life. Confusion in our thinking and a sort of paralysis of the national will have been the inevitable results of this decline. Here then we have the source of that weakness which is causing so much concern to men of good will. Unless we arrest this religious decline, unless we push back the domestic invasion of materialism, we shall not be able, as history clearly attests, to withstand the enemy from without.

Materialism is the real enemy, at home as well as abroad. In its varieties there is little difference of kind; the difference is largely one of degree. Both are deadly for America. The way of matter and of the flesh is the way of death; the way of God and of the spirit is the way of life. If we would have life, we must renew and reaffirm our faith in God and in His Christ; we must cling again to that Christian moral code which is the American way of life at its purest and its best.

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Resolution Adopted At Bishops' Meeting

Protests Persecution And Offers Consolation To All Who Suffer

WE, the Bishops of the United States, cannot adjourn our meeting without a statement of protest against persecution and a word of consolation to all who suffer.

A year ago our thoughts were with the persecuted of Eastern Europe, long afflicted and much tried. Today we add to these the people of Vietnam and its neighbor nations who most recently have come upon days of disaster and now face the persecution so often known in the Church of Christ.

We cannot end this meeting which has been held in the freedom of our beloved country without a plea to all who love justice and hate iniquity that they will stand with us in prayer and in protest: in prayer for the afflicted; in protest against misuse of power. For we cannot be so blind as to imagine that Asia or Europe stands alone. Rather there seems to be a master plan of oppression, world wide. In it, we of America are included by intent as others elsewhere are included in grim reality.

The grim reality is that men are in prison, men are broken, families live in fear or are disrupted, nations are threatened or under attack. The grim reality is that such oppression is an attempt to break men's faith in God or to divide men from their Savior or their Church.

We pray then that God will restrain the tyrant and relieve the anguish of the afflicted. We beg our Catholic people to cherish well the blessings of freedom they enjoy and to pray fervently for those whose freedom has been lost or is in danger.

We beg our neighbors—all of them in the United States, all to whom the blessings of our liberties here are cherished heritage—that by our united prayers, our sympathetic understanding and by action (as far as action lies within our power) we may give comfort to those who are tortured in body or in spirit, and that the power of God will quickly restore to them in justice the freedom which their souls crave and their nature demands.

RIGHT or WRONG

Editors' views on current events and others' comments

Sterilization In Baltimore

A FEW weeks ago in a front-page article we wrote up the case of the Baltimore mental patient whose sterilization had been authorized by the Court. Two lawyers promptly asked permission to step in as amici curiae (friends of the court).

But Judge Herman M. Moser refused their petition. "The Court is of the opinion that the facts and law in this case are so clear and pointed that it has not only the authority but a definite obligation to this Incompetent to authorize the operation." The original medical statements had indicated that a "sterilization operation was necessary for the health and well-being of the Incompetent" and the Judge said that this had remained "uncontradicted."

Judge Moser further quoted a highly controversial decision of the Supreme Court, citing an opinion of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in the case of Buck v. Bell: "It is better for all the world, if, instead of waiting to execute offspring for crime, or to let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit to continue their kind."

Holmes, son of the poet and essayist, did not believe in an Eternal Law. In his book, law was what the people want to make it—whatever appeared most suitable at the moment. Here he took it on himself to predict and forestall the careers of unborn children.

His decision invoked eugenics. Judge Moser's case involved a matter of health and welfare. There is no parity in the cases.

Although Judge Moser did not order but only authorized the sterilization, his action should make many a family nervous. If we now have legal ground for sterilization in such cases, how long before we shall have legal murder for the removal of "a useless and intolerable burden" on the taxpayers?

'Cutting The Lifeline'

SPEAKING of sterilization, every Catholic mother knows that it is a mortal sin to request ligature of the tubes as a means of birth prevention. If there is disease or disorder present, that's different. Then the case can be discussed.

But Time magazine recently had a whimsical note on the number of men currently submitting to vasectomy, a relatively simple operation that sterilizes the male.

Since the war "There has been no detectable increase in New England or the Southeast, but some big cities of the middle Atlantic seaboard report a moderate increase. In some smaller Midwestern cities and the border states, vasectomy has become a fad, with doctors themselves setting the trend and joking about having been 'clipped.' In one prairie city of 250,000, two urologists who share an office do an annual average of 50 vasectomies apiece. Around Los Angeles the increase has been marked but moderate."

This is race suicide with a vengeance and certainly our civilization is losing its vitality when it can reach such wholesale proportions. This too is a mortal sin for both physician and patient.

Bishop Oxnam's Mistake

ANY man who could join a roster of front organizations as long as your arm and still plead that he didn't realize their character can't be very bright. So we must not be too hard on Methodist Bishop Oxnam when we find him parroting tired old canards against the Church. Evidently he didn't have much learning to begin with, and since his ordination he has been so busy giving speeches and joining organizations that he hasn't had much time to sit down and do a little reading.

Anyway, The Christian Science Monitor quotes the Bishop as saying it is a "striking and significant fact" that Communism does not infiltrate Protestant countries (thereby writing off East Germany as a Protestant Country). "Call the roll: Protestant Sweden, Protestant Norway, Protestant Denmark, Protestant Holland, Protestant Great Britain"—and, we might add, Catholic Spain, Catholic West Germany, Catholic France, Catholic Italy, Catholic Belgium, Catholic Eire, Moslem Egypt, etc. ". . . All along this line you will find nations that have not been seriously infiltrated by the Communist menace." For "Protestants believe in religious liberty."

In comment, the Boston Pilot replies: "There is a very crass oversimplification here which allows the Bishop to write off the Protestant countries of Finland, Estonia and Latvia as either non-Protestant or somehow lacking in the necessary devotion to religious liberty to protect them against infiltration. The simple fact is that they were totally overpowered by the Red violence and no amount of devotion could prevent the disaster that occurred. The same thing is true of Catholic Lithuania, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is also true of the Christian lands of Bulgaria, Rumania, and Yugoslavia."

(Incndentally, the sellout of many of these countries was accomplished by two doughty Protestants, name of Roosevelt and Churchill—if that has anything to do with it.)

"It is very attractive," the Pilot continues, "to hear the Bishop speak over and over again about Protestant devotion to liberty but he often couples it with some rather strong attacks on what he believes to be the Catholic lack of devotion to the same virtue. Someone should remind the Bishop that it is not a specifically Protestant commodity and that Catholics had defined it, practiced it, defended it and died for it long before the Reformation ever purloined it for its own uses. Catholics take second place to no group in their devotion to human freedom and that includes such recent arrivals on the religious scene as the Methodists.

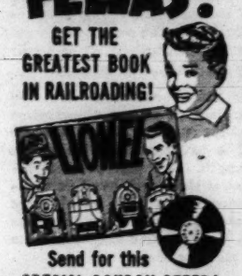
"Actually the litany of names in Bishop Oxnam's 'roll call' is worth considering on this very point—the question of religious freedom. Protestant Sweden, which two years ago rewrote its laws on religious freedom, still carried annoying disabilities and up until the change had legally hobbled Catholic activity.

"Protestant Norway, with its devotion to liberty, was still able in our own times to produce a tyrant who gave his name to the most abject of totalitarian regimes—Quisling.

"Protestant Denmark, like most of the other states mentioned by the Bishop, has long-standing union of Church and State, one of the bishop's favorite bug-a-boos.

HOOVER GETS CARDINAL GIBBONS MEDAL — J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I. (right), is presented with the Cardinal Gibbons Medal of the Alumni Association, Catholic University of America, by Nicholas Chase, president of the association, at its annual meeting in Washington. Looking on is Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of Catholic University. Established in 1947, the award is named for the late James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore and Washington and one of the founders of Catholic University. It is given for "distinguished and meritorious services to the Catholic Church, the Catholic University or the United States."

"Protestant Holland (nearly half Catholic) must call to mind the Dutch Reformed Church and the bitter record of present day persecution of Negroes in South Africa. And so the record goes. The Protestant claim to be superior to totalitarian infiltration—of any color—is a bit of ridiculous Pharisaism unrelated to the actual facts."



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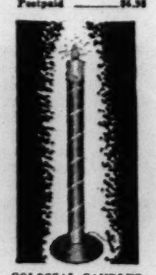

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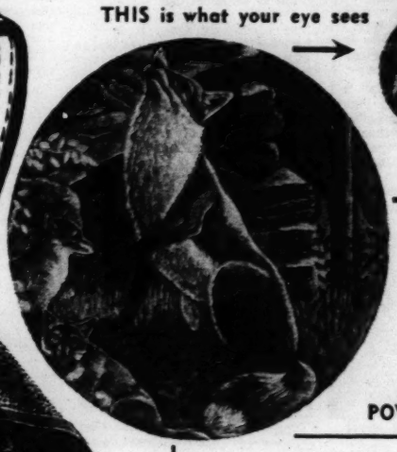

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How Easily 'Liberty' Becomes 'License'

EVERYONE talked about liberty on Studio One's dramatization, "An Almanac of Liberty," but nobody bothered to define it—and this was what was wrong with the production.

Coming out in favor of liberty demands about as much courage as taking a firm stand in favor of motherhood and the American flag. When you talk about liberty you have to define what you are talking about or you don't say anything at all.

Liberty derives from God, it doesn't derive from itself. You wouldn't know this from watching the CBS TV production. God was never mentioned and liberty without God is in constant danger of becoming license.

The Studio One production talked about the "inalienable rights" that belong to American citizens without remembering that the document that speaks of them says we received them from our Creator.

It seems to me that most of our difficulties these days come from people who act as though they think anyone who disagrees with them is un-American.

Despite the one-sided presentation of Studio One, it is quite possible to be seriously concerned with communist infiltration without being fascist. Even more importantly, citizens not only have the right but the duty to know what schools are teaching.

The concept of education professed by the teacher in this production is a dangerous concept. He acted as though the man who protested that nothing was taught as truth was some sort of a freak. He then said that the children read anything and everything because he trusted they would choose what was good.

Dale Francis

That isn't education — that's making of children into sort of super garbage disposal units, where anything can be tossed, except a garbage disposal unit isn't expected to turn the refuse into something worthwhile.

Education implies guidance and selectivity. You don't have to read the novels in **Lurid Confessions** to be able to appreciate Shakespeare. Education that does not select is not education at all. There are truths in the world and to suggest that to teach them as truths is to limit freedom is to show an ignorance of the meaning of freedom.

Since freedom derives from God —this is the basic premise of our way of life — then it must always be related to truth, since God is truth. By caricaturing serious arguments, Studio One was offending against liberty itself.

GAMBLER FROM NATCHEZ (Fox) This is another of the low-budget Twentieth Century Fox films that fill in between cinemascope extravaganzas. Debra Paget is a French speaking river boat girl who falls in love with Dale Robertson, who is the son of an honest gambler. Objectionable in part, it is an ordinary film that certainly even Fox wouldn't expect to win any huzzas from critics or customers.

PASSION (RKO) and **BLACK KNIGHT** (Columbia) — Cornel Wilde is the star of the first and Alan Ladd the star of the second. Films like these make the task of reviewing a really hard job. When I sit through films like these I do it in the hope that the hours I waste may save you an aggregate of thousands of hours. If you listen to me then I've wasted a couple of my hours but saved many thousands of yours. If I do save these hours for you, will you re-pay the debt by spending a few minutes in prayer for peace, for sinners, for the sick, for the dying? If you do, my wasted hours were well spent.

HANSEL AND GRETEL (RKO Radio)—I'm not able to join the chorus of praise for this film opera, but I do want you to know that almost all reviewers have said it is outstanding. For me, it seems a little too frightening for little children and a little too slow for older children and adults. Puppets play the lead roles and they are excellently made and moved. Anna Russell sings the role of the witch, Miss Rubylips, and Padriac Colum adapted it for the screen.

The special screening I attended was presented before an audience of children ranging from four to 12. The younger children sat transfixed, some of them cried. The older children ran out and got popcorn. My main complaint was the slow movement of the story and the often muffled lines of principals. But once again I'll remind you, I'm a definite minority in my opinion and reviewers, Catholic and non-Catholic, have generally liked it. I mention this because I'm well aware that a reviewer's mood can affect his judgment of a film and maybe in another mood I might have enjoyed this film myself.

DRUM BEAT (Warner Brothers). The names flashed on the screen just before a picture are called credits. In this case, they are less credits than they are accusations.

This is a slow moving Cinemascope western that can be blamed on Delmar Daves, who wrote and directed it. There is unnecessary brutality, there are long portions of moralizing, there is fuzzy characterization, there are ill-disguised attempts to poke fun at Protestant ministers. It is, generally speaking, a miserable picture.

Alan Ladd is the star. I have nothing against Alan Ladd. He has the facial mobility of the Great Stone Face, but since his pictures seldom require anything of him, this doesn't matter. He is as usual in this film.

This is roughly based on true incidents but the attempts of Ladd to bring peace without guns to Indian country have a false ring. Most of all, I objected to parodying of Protestant clergymen. The moralizing Indian lover is an unpleasant characterization, but when finally the Indian outlaw is waiting for his hanging, the minister shown is a parody that irritated me.

Theologically, Protestant ministers are wrong, some are bigoted, some are self-professed enemies of the Church, yet I don't like to see them derided by men who make them objects of laughter. They are for the most part, good and sincere men and we who have by God's goodness His own True faith, should never laugh at or despise those less fortunate but pray that they'll accept God's grace and find the joy that is our privilege.

SHE WOLF. (Republic)' As I write this review, the Legion of Decency has not yet given a rating on this Italian made film. If I were to make the rating, this film would be condemned. In any case, I think it is completely unsuitable for any one and it doesn't even have artistic merit to recompense for its moral deficiency. Most disappointing of all is the fact that it came from Republic. There was a time you could be almost certain that Republic films would be acceptable for the family. Not any longer, though, for this is the second Republic film in a short period that deserved disgust.

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS (Lippert). It is strange but this picture about fast moving cars is slow moving. It is strictly a B picture and it lacks quality. John Ireland is the star and the director. He just doesn't have a story to help him along. You won't care for this.

Government's Role

"Governments exist to help and protect — not hinder — the rights that flow from (man's) dignity as a creature. It is only when these inborn rights are unobtainable through individual initiatives or threatened by the deeds of his fellow man that the powerful force of government should be brought into play." — **Albert M. McDermott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor.**

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Balancing The Books

Right And Wrong Approaches

REV. JOHN S. KENNEDY

IN **The Lord** (Regnery $6.50), Monsignor Romano Guardini has not attempted to write a "life" of Christ. Indeed, he maintains that a "life" of Christ, in the conventional sense of a biography, is quite impossible. The reason is patent. All about Christ is the divine mystery. To plot His "psychology," as some try to do, is beyond us. To plumb His personality, which is divine, we are not able. Some of the events of His life can be set down and articulated, but these do not begin to tell the whole story. Best, then, not even to appear to attempt containing Him between the covers of a book.

Father Kennedy

Instead, the author has composed a series of meditations, based not only on the Gospels, but on the other books of the New Testament as well, even the Apocalypse. These he gave severally, over a period of four years, as Sunday sermons or conferences.

Needless to say, they are like few sermons which the general run of us hears. They are the ripened issue of immense erudition and sustained reflection. Related to ordinary living and ordinary needs, they are not popular in the vulgar sense.

All through the book is evident the author's concern that the intellect be stirred and stretched to its full capacity, and so he dispenses no pap and does no spoon-feeding. It would be wrong, however, to give the impression that this is a dry and recondite book. Actually, it speaks as strongly to the heart as to the head.

Its genius is to rouse and open one up to the full influence of Christ. "The essence of true understanding," writes Monsignor Guardini on one of his final pages, "is not a fruit of argument, but of obedience and faith. We attempted to prove nothing, only to clear the way for Revelation."

The reader who takes the book slowly, going alertly through a chapter and then stopping for leisurely consideration, will get the most out of it. He will finish not with a magpie's nest of jumbled facts, but with a new disposition toward the Saviour and a new appreciation of the Christian life. He will be changed.

Individual sentences may lodge in his mind: such as "Man is really just only when he seeks more than mere justice"; or "Every attempt to reach the Father directly ends in a generalized divinity"; or "Humility begins only where greatness reverently bows before one who is not great," or "In the measure that we comprehend sin, we comprehend Christ." But it is the total effect of the work which counts, and this is sure to be profound in the case of the receptive reader.

'Fisher Of Men'

It jars one to the back teeth to go from the Guardini volume to Kurt Frieberger's **Fisher of Men** (Appleton-Century-Crofts. $3.95), which is subtitled "A Novel of Simon Peter." Mr. Frieberger dedicates this piece of fiction to the present Holy Father and tells us that it has been 20 years in the writing. It is still pretty miserable.

It attempts an extensive elaboration on what, from the New Testament and from tradition, we know about St. Peter. To make a continued narrative of these particulars, to offer interpretation of them, even to resort to some imaginative embellishment — all this is legitimate within limits. Unfortunately, Mr. Frieberger has recklessly disregarded the proper limits.

Take one example, that of St. Peter's family. That he was a married man, we know from the Gospel, which refers to his mother-in-law. This one hint, Mr. Frieberger has blown up fantastically.

Thus, we get endless details about St. Peter's wife; the author names her Rahab and depicts her baptism by Our Lord who renames her Joanna. As for St. Peter's mother-in-law, the author puts her in the fish-pickling business, with Judas, himself in the bread business, as her adviser, ("As the old lady's business expanded, she had been obliged to buy the houses on either side of her"). And St. Peter is given a daughter called Petronilla who has a terrible time of it when the family first goes to Rome. Stuff and nonsense!

Again, St. Mary Magdalene is represented as the mistress of Pontius Pilate and deeply involved with Judas. And Judas! We have him piling up money in the house of Simon the Pharisee, screaming and running around like crazy, being punched by St. Peter, shouting to Christ when the latter is on trial, etc., etc. The definitive and unforgettable bits that the Gospel gives us about him are thus drowned in a frantic sea of absurd invention.

The Gospel is not merely extravagantly added to. It is drastically telescoped, when this suits the author's convenience. It is indefensibly edited, with the elision of key sections of quoted passages, and the dilution of others. "Feed my goats," we have Our Lord saying to St. Peter after the Resurrection, and "the blessing of the bread and wine" as St. Peter's understanding of the Eucharist. One does not know whether to laugh or cry out in pain at the grotesque violence done the inspired word.

The weird peculiarities of this work could be lengthily catalogued. The instances cited may, however, suffice to indicate that the book deserves no serious consideration. It may have been well-intentioned, and there are parts here and there which are good. But the finished text as a whole is rubbishy.

The trouble with any fictional treatment of a scriptural subject is that the uninformed reader may easily regard its fabrications as having scriptural warrant. "Why, I never knew that St. Joseph attended the marriage feast at Cana," he may say after examining page 21 of this book. Further, he may get grievously mistaken notions about even more important things (e.g., the conferring of the power to forgive sins). Finally, he is wasting time which could most profitably be spent in reading the Gospel itself.

Freud And Faith

Dr. Karl Stern, the brilliant psychiatrist who told of his conversion from Judaism to Catholicism in one of the finest autobiographies of our time **Pillar of Fire,** has now written a book on psychiatry and religion entitled **The Third Revolution** (Harcourt, Brace. $4).

Most of the way it is tough going, not nearly so readable as **Pillar of Fire.** That is to be expected, given the difference in character between the two. Still, one does not have to be a specialist to master the new book, and it is to be hoped that many non-specialists will have a go at it. For it presents persuasively, and often excitingly, a case for the Christian employment of the findings of Sigmund Freud.

It is common to assume that such employment is impossible, to insist that psychoanalysis is root and branch incompatible with basic Christian doctrine. Not so, says Dr. Stern. Why, then, the prevalent impression?

For one thing, because "Freud did not stop at factual statements to which the test of veracity can be applied," but "ventured into philosophy and expounded his ideas on religion." For another, because "Freud's psychological concepts, by a strange historical development, fused with many of the scientific concepts of the nineteenth century," which were starkly materialistic.

And so Freud came to be identified with the "third revolution." What does Dr. Stern mean by that term? A coalition of forces, sharing a contempt for the human spirit, which works for the annihilation of man as the image of God and his reconstruction as a mechanical thing to be technically controlled. That this revolution has already gone very far, we all know. That it may go much farther in our own society and with results far worse than any brought about by Marxist dictatorship, Dr. Stern believes.

He also believes something which may seem utterly paradoxical: that Freud's discoveries can be a mighty weapon against this ruinous revolution. He maintains not only that the psychoanalytical method can be made philosophically neutral, but also that psychoanalysis can be brought into the mainstream of Hebraeo-Christian tradition.

Thus, he holds that, rightly understood, psychoanalysis goes strongly against a tendency to separate soul and body which has been gaining force over the centuries. It has become "a powerful current which establishes a reunion of that which man has tried to unbind or disjoint, the psychic and the physical."

This is but one of a battery of points which he marshals in a series of absorbing chapters. The discussion is far from being coldly abstract. Synopses of case histories are periodically introduced. Apt allusions to the Gospel and to the lives and words of the saints are numerous. A subject of incalculable importance is grappled to the roots, and a realm of heartening possibilities is disclosed.

A telling case has here been made for the proposition that "psychoanalysis contains, perhaps contrary to the intention of most of its adherents, a movement toward personalism . . . When the psychoanalytic movement is presented in its fundamentals, with all the philosophical embellishments scraped off, it marks a turning point in the history of psychology and perhaps of science altogether."

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Crusade For Souls Mobilizes Whole Diocese

REV. JOHN A. O'BRIEN

(Editor's note. This is the fourth in a series which explains the Crusade for Souls, now attracting nation-wide interest. Father O'Brien of Notre Dame University, a leader in the convert movement, spearheaded the first Crusade and has assisted virtually every diocese in planning its Crusade.)

THE Crusade for Souls can be operated on a parish, deanery or diocesan basis, since it consists essentially in the mobilization of all the priests, religious and laity to bring the teachings of Christ to the churchless people of a certain area. But the diocesan-wide Crusade has many marked advantages over all the smaller campaigns. Chief among them is that the Crusade is launched by the highest ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, the most reverend bishop, and is under his personal direction and guidance.

This means much to the faithful as well as to the clergy and religious. They know that to the bishop is committed the care of all the souls, both within and without the fold, residing in that territory. Upon him rests the responsibility of initiating those measures which will quicken the spiritual life of his flock and help bring back those who have strayed away. They all look to him for prudent guidance.

Hence when the bishop calls upon priests, sisters, brothers and the faithful to unite in a carefully planned and well-coordinated Crusade for Souls, all know that they have but one thing to do: throw themselves, heart, mind, body and soul into the campaign to make it one hundred per cent successful. This is not a matter of whim or caprice on the part of an individual pastor or layman. This is the official voice of authority speaking and no Catholic can fail to understand its meaning and its implications.

Removes Fears

In every diocese there were not lacking priests and lay people who looked askance at the idea of a Crusade with its canvas of homes, when it was first proposed. "That's not our practice," said some timid souls. "We wait for people to come to us," said others. "If outsiders want to know what Catholics believe," said others, "they can get in touch with us and we'll tell them." "We'll leave knocking at doors," said some of the laity, "for Jehovah's Witnesses."

Such were the timidities, hesitances and apprehensions which would have hamstrung the whole undertaking had not the voice of authority spoken and banished all such needless fears. "Christ wants all His disciples, both clerical and lay," pointed out many of the bishops, "to be fishers of men. But a true fisherman does not sit on the shore and wait for the fish to come to him. He gets into a boat and goes out after them. He exhausts all his skill in tracking them down and in landing them safely."

To the timid souls who said, "Let them come to us," the bishops replied with the words of Christ, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

To the laity who said, "We don't want to call at doors like the Witnesses of Jehovah," the bishops replied: "And because you don't, but wait timidly for some truth seeker to come to you, it takes, on an average, about 250 of you to gain one soul. Or perhaps more precisely, about 249 of you do nothing. The Witnesses of Jehovah have given the most striking demonstration of the fruitfulness of the door-to-door apostolate of any of the sects.

"In 1940 they had a total membership in this country of 44,000. By 1946 they had skyrocketed to the almost incredible total of 500,000—an increase of more than 1100 per cent in six years! This is the most sensational increase achieved by any religious organization in modern times.

"What is the secret of their tremendous growth? It is the crusading zeal of its members. Because they go from door to door in every city and town in this country, they have increased by leaps and bounds. If we Catholics had gained a proportionate increase, every churchless person not only in America but in the whole world would now be within our fold.

"This does not mean, of course, that we should be discourteous or offensive in calling at homes. We should be not only gracious, courteous, tactful, kind and respectful but also earnest, patient and zealous in inviting churchless people to attend our services and particularly our Information Forum lectures. This is precisely what the Crusade for Souls will give us an opportunity to do."

No Standing Still

Whenever and wherever the Catholic Church ceases to be true to its missionary character, ceases to try to reach outsiders, ceases to struggle to find the lost sheep and to bring them back to the fold, spiritual dry rot sets in, and indifference, secularism and anti-clericalism grow by leaps and bounds. Religion is forever fighting an uphill battle and the Church is forever struggling against the current of man's fallen nature and its tendencies toward evil.

There is no standing still in midstream. Either we row constantly against the current or we are swept downstream. This is the basic reason why we can never be content with our gains. Year after year we must launch new offensives of missionary zeal and unwearying love to bring the saving truths of Christ to every churchless soul.

In addition to the advantage of having the diocesan Crusade originate with the highest ecclesiastical authority, it has the advantage of utilizing all the media of communication and inspiration: the bishop's pastorals, the diocesan newspaper, the chancery announcements, the organs of every Catholic organization and the pulpits of every parish. These engender an

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CRUSADE LEADERS — Father John A. O'Brien, author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame, tells Bishop John J. Russell of Charleston and Bishop Emmet M. Walsh of Youngstown that the enthusiasm zeal and determination shown by the priests and laity in the Crusade For Souls would win thousands of churchless families in South Carolina for Christ.

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As she walked in the prison yard, she began to know a joy like the apostles who were glad they could suffer persecution for Christ's sake. After she returned to her cell she noticed that the tears were streaming from the cheeks of the soldier, so moved was he that she should repay cruelty with a blessing, and insult with thanksgiving.

Evil always increases with retaliation, as when one strikes back after one has been struck. When Our Blessed Lord said "Turn the other cheek" He gave us the philosophy of the absorbtion of evil. By taking it without returning it, we diminish the content of evil in the world. For all of the obstacles, persecutions and tortures the Communist world inflicts on all of the missionaries, would you make a sacrifice of a luxury to decrease this evil — that the world may hear through you "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." The centurion at the cross was converted in the midst of persecution, and we believe that in the same way, the Eastern world will be converted — amidst persecution, and also through your sacrifice.

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ers who have vowed to eliminate horror, terror, indecency and other objectionable material from their comics.

Archbishop Noll also quotes in full a strong resolution adopted by the Magazine Publishers Association, Inc., "whose members are the publishers of over 375 nationally and internationally distributed magazines having a combined circulation of 140,000,000 copies per issue. . ." In this resolution the members "condemn the publication and distribution of salacious, repulsive and otherwise objectionable matter" and go on to urge:

"The vigilant and vigorous, but fair, enforcement of the legislative bans against such objectionable material through legal prosecutions by appropriate authorities within the framework of existing obscenity statutes with the view to making such revisions or changes as may appear to be required, keeping in mind, however, the necessity of protecting the fundamental guarantees of freedom of speech and of the press; and

"The education of the reading public, through a program of publicity, on the possible effects of the publication and distribution of salacious, repulsive and otherwise objectionable material upon the people generally, and particularly upon the youth of the country."

The N.O.D.L. directors have constantly declared that public opinion must be aroused against literature of all kinds which debases its readers, and particularly its youthful readers. But it has also maintained that strong legislation on the national, state and local levels ought to be passed and enforced to strengthen and uphold the force of aroused public opinion.

New Orleans Acts

This plan has recently been carried out in the city of New Orleans, where the city council recently passed two ordinances designed to halt the distribution of horror and sex comic books. Both ordinances meet all objections which have been raised in court decisions on similar ordinances.

The first ordinance is designed to control the circulation of comic books among persons under 17 years of age, and prohibits "the selling, offering for sale, distributing, lending or giving away to a person under the age of 17 years of any horror comic book, crime comic book, sexually indecent comic book, or comic book portraying deeds of brutality and violence."

The second ordinance affects persons over 17 years of age, and prohibits "the selling, offering for sale or giving away to a person 17 years of age or over 17 years of age, or to any firm, corporation or other party" of the comics mentioned in the first ordinance.

The ordinances provide maximum penalties of $100 fine or 90 days in jail or both for violators upon conviction.

The main responsibility for observing the ordinances is placed on wholesalers and distributors rather than retailers of comic books. The ordinances say that "if any wholesaler or distributor, or his agent or representative thereof, shall falsely certify to a retailer that any comic book, or comic books, supplied by him, her, them or it to said retailer, is not a horror comic book, crime book, sexually indecent comic book, or comic book portraying deeds of brutality and violence" they will be violating the ordinances.

The term "comic book" refers to "any narrative, story, tale, romance or account of events or happenings, fictional, factual or historical in which successive steps in the development of the action or plot are pictorially or graphically illustrated by drawings or photographs and in which the legend, narrative or dialogue is printed adjacent to or on the pictorial illustration, usually in balloons proceeding out of the mouths of the characters portrayed."

The various kinds of comic books are defined in the ordinance as follows:

1. "Horror"—one "the theme or plot of which is devoted primarily or in substantial part to matter which is gruesome, debasing, monstrous, vile, demonic, unnatural, ghoulish, weird, horrible, vicious, depraved, inhuman, or otherwise calculated to inspire in readers feelings of terror, fear, revulsion, disgust or morbid curiosity."

2. "Crime"—one "the theme or plot of which is devoted primarily or in substantial part to the portrayal of the planning and/or commission of criminal deeds such as murders, rapes, armed robberies, burglaries, thefts, kidnappings, arsons, the peddling, sale or use of narcotics or other felonies or conspiracies or attempts to commit such felonies."

3. "Sexually or morally indecent"—one "the theme or plot of which is devoted primarily or in substantial part to sexually or morally offensive or objectionable subject matter such as adultery, homosexuality, sadism, masochism, and other perversions or in which male and female characters are depicted in lewd, lascivious or suggestive amorous embraces or in which male or female characters are scantily or indecently clad or in which the breasts of female characters or the genital organs of male or female characters are exposed, partially exposed, suggested or emphasized beneath transparent, semi-transparent or tight-fitting garments."

How It Started

4. "Portraying deeds of brutality and violence"—one "the theme or plot of which is devoted primarily or in substantial part to deeds or acts of brutality or violence such as assaults, cuttings, stabbings, beatings, sluggings, eye-gouging, brutal kicking, burnings, dismemberments and other reprehensible assaults and batteries on the person."

The campaign to pass these two ordinances was begun on August 31, when Mr. E. J. Rice, chairman of the civic affairs committee of the Edward Douglas White Council No. 3246, Knights of Columbus, wrote to the mayor of New Orleans, deLesseps S. Morrison, stating that the members of his committee "would like to meet with you, the city attorney, and members of the city council, to discuss the so-called comic book situation, and determine the best possible means of proceeding in the matter with a view of unified and effective legislation on the subject."

Mayor Morrison referred the letter to city council president Glenn P. Clasen, stating in his reply to Mr. Rice that "I am thoroughly and heartily in accord with your views toward making the necessary steps to correct what has gotten to be a decided menace to the youngsters through horror and other indecent publications."

Clasen wrote to assistant city attorney Raoul Sere asking him to prepare an ordinance designed to deal with the problem. Clasen wrote that "Many of these books tend to impress our juvenile readers with the idea that they can violate both city and moral laws."

Representatives of religious, educational and civic groups met with a special council committee to urge that ordinances be passed while the committee studied other ordinances to determine the best way to meet the problem.

Sister Peter Foria of Redemptorist high school told the committee that the "crime, the horror and sex books" provide for youth "a course in murder, arson, perversion and other sex crimes."

The Catholic School Cooperative Clubs, the St. Matthias School Cooperative Club, the Presidents' Cooperative Club, and the New Orleans Council of Parent-Teacher Associations all passed resolutions calling on the council to take steps to halt the sale of the horror and sex comics.

Judge Leo B. Blessing of the New Orleans juvenile court told the council that some comic books constitute "literature which in some instances is worse than narcotics."

The special committee, headed by Councilman James E. Fitzmorris, Jr., then made a detailed study of similar comic book ordinances throughout the country. The committee was determined "to take advantage of the mistakes that have been made elsewhere."

The two ordinances were introduced to the city council on October 28 and were unanimously passed on November 4.

For further suggestions on how you can help the N.O.D.L., see article "Youth Organized" on page 11.

DRUGGISTS FIGHT OBJECTIONABLE COMICS — Forty-five druggists, members of the Des Moines, Iowa, Pharmacists Association, have pledged to clear their drugstores' racks of all objectionable comics of the "weird, horror and sex type." Here, one of the pharmacists, Harold D. Bean, eliminates horror comics from his store collection. The association has asked all non-member druggists in this city to co-operate in the comic book cleanup campaign. Meanwhile, the heads of Des Moines' two magazine distributing agencies have pledged their full co-operation.

These X's Mean

Kisses For Christ

CECILIA WADE

Dear Jane:

WE HAD a visitor who regretted so much the wasted time of her youth. She regretted, too, the futile hours spent in weeping over the past. And she had a wonderful plan of life to help us who are young now to come to a happier middle age, with the knowledge of time well spent in the service of God.

I call her plan "kisses for Christ," and I have started it myself, with excellent results. I take a small calendar and keep it on my dressing table. Each morning I make my morning intention thoughtfully. All day I strive to live it. Then, just before retiring, I mark a big X through the date of the day. This X is made after I complete a quick examination of conscience. The next morning begins a new day, and I do not go back over the day that has passed in vain and time-wasting analysis. I live just one day at a time.

Already my calendar is liberally sprinkled with X's, or "kisses for Christ." Each X is a well-spent day. I shall keep my calendars as the years pass. Grown-ups tell me the devil often tries to tempt people with doubts about the past. My "kisses for Christ" will be tanglible evidence on my side, just in case in years to come I have to do battle with the devil on this issue.

This may sound like a childlike method, but the middle-aged visitor we had assured me that we all have to come around to being "as a little child" in order to please God. Even teenagers!

Till next week,
Anne

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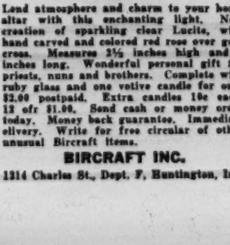

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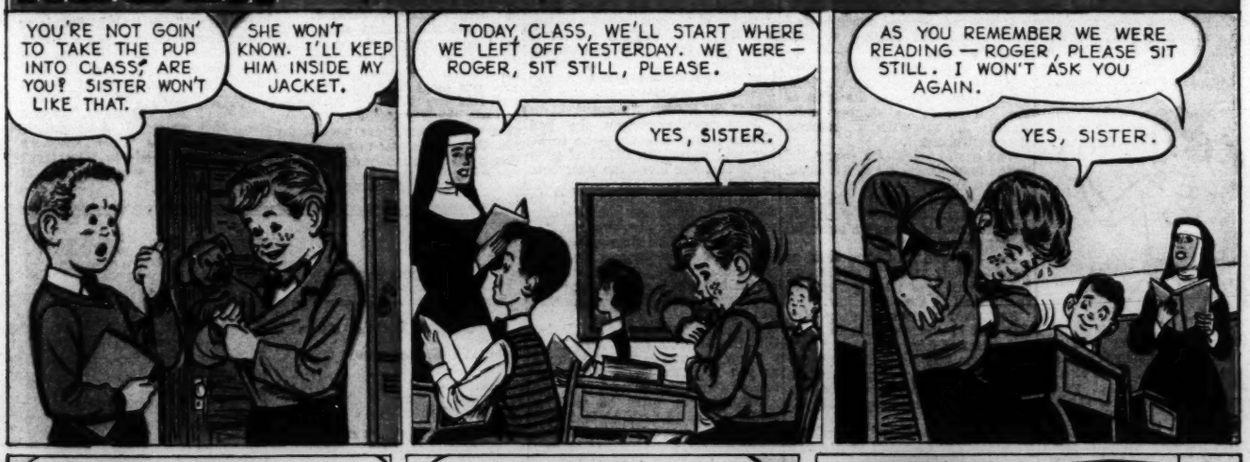

Young Readers and Writers

ALMA SAVAGE, Children's Page Editor

Letter from Alma

TODAY when Father Silvio Garavaglia, S.J., came to see us, I thought —what a lovely opportunity to learn about his mission so that I could tell our readers about it! Father's home used to be in New England, but now he is living at Annoto Bay, a tiny town in Jamaica, in the West Indies. The past few weeks he has been in the states looking very hard for nuns and teachers who will take care of his growing school.

I wonder how accurate an outline of that West Indian area you could draw without first looking at a map? Jamaica is part of the whole nest of islands dotted over the blue Caribbean Sea beyond the tip of Florida. These islands are very high mountains which rise up from the ocean floor. That means that the lands which we call islands are really mountain tops.

Jamaica is one of these. It is 140 miles long, 40 miles wide, and is not very far south of Cuba. In fact, Father Garavaglia said that when he sits on his front porch and looks across the bay, he fancies he can see beyond Cuba as far as the U. S. coast line.

The country sounds very beautiful indeed. It is said that Columbus, attracted by the snug little harbor of Annoto Bay, sailed in to look around, but did not land. One can still see the ruins of the Spanish fort near the town.

The town itself is one main street stretched along a sand bar. To it come the people from the little mountain villages to buy and sell their products, for police protection, for banking activities, and for everything that needs the cooperation of numbers of people.

These little mountain villages are not really villages as we think of them. They are districts with a few houses tucked here and there amid the tropical foliage of the slopes. The nearest thing to roads in this country area are the tracks worn into the rocky soil by the patient donkeys which carry you through the trees to the houses.

What we call farmers here are called cultivators in Jamaica. Their fields are steep hills, some almost perpendicular. They plant yams and coco (a potato-like vegetable); one of their staples is bananas which are eaten green or boiled. They raise plantain which is often found on the breakfast table, fried: it is called Jamaica bacon.

I think that Father Garavaglia is perhaps more than ordinarily anxious to get back to his mission. While he was gone one of the recent hurricanes whipped along the coast of Annoto Bay digging about ten feet of shore right away from his front yard. I do hope that when he gets back his house will still be there.

The Lady of the Mountain

PART ONE

EDWARD F. DOLAN, Jr.

JUAN DIEGO should have been very excited. A miracle was about to take place.

He did not know this, however. He thought this day of December 9, 1531, would be no different from all the other days in his young life.

Dawn approached as the peasant boy trudged along the trail leading to the Church of Saint James on the outskirts of Mexico City. Cold air chilled him. He wore a tilma, a large roughly woven cloth that hung down over his chest and back. It was scant protection against the biting wind.

His path led up the side of a hill called Tepeyac. It was a dusty hill, strewn with rocks and without a single flower.

It was on the side of this barren, ugly hill that the miracle was to take place.

A strange sound brought Juan to a stop.

He listened, not believing his ears.

Music flooded the narrow trail.

It was the sweetest music he had ever heard—the singing of hundreds of birds.

From where did the music come?

He lifted his eyes. All the coldness left his body. At the crest of the hill he saw a shining white cloud. A magnificent rainbow shone all about it.

The gentle voice of a young girl called to him from out of the cloud. "Juan Diego."

He hurried toward the voice without fear. The cloud slowly parted at the center. He saw a beautiful young girl of sixteen.

Her hair and skin were dark, as were the hair and skin of his own people. Her eyes were gentle and flashing all at the same time.

She wore a cloak of deep blue that fell in smooth columns from the crown of her head to her feet. Her gown was pink and covered with a flower-like design. One dainty slipper showed beneath the hem of her skirt. A child angel supported the cloud.

The dawn shimmered at her back as she began to speak in his own language.

"My son, Juan Diego, whom I tenderly love as a little one and weak. Whither goest thou?"

Juan replied that he was on his way to Mass. Who is this beautiful lady, he wondered.

"I am Holy Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the true God for Whom we live, the Creator of the world, Maker of heaven and earth."

So astonished was Juan that he could not speak. Why had this wonderful woman, the Mother of God, come to earth to speak to him?

The Maiden answered the question in his mind. She told him that she dearly loved his people. Then Juan heard her say that she wished a church to be built in her name near this very spot. Astounded, Juan listened as she instructed him to go to the great Bishop Zumarrago in Mexico City and tell him of her wishes.

Juan wondered why she had chosen a boy as poor as he to be her messenger. He didn't stop to think that she loved the poor best of all.

He bowed low. "Lady, I go to do your bidding. As your humble servant I take my leave of you."

As he stumbled hurriedly down the path he glanced back over his shoulder. The Lady no longer stood on the hill, but the rocks and bushes shone gloriously in the morning sunlight.

In the Bishop's Palace in Mexico City the servants laughed at Juan.

"How can one as poor and dirty as you hope to see the Bishop?" one of them jeered.

Nevertheless, after he said he would not leave until he had seen the Bishop, he was taken into a large room. Bishop Zumarrago sat behind a polished desk.

"What is it that you wish, my son?" the Bishop asked.

Juan poured out his story of the Lady and her wish to have a church on the hill.

The Bishop listened carefully and then asked a great many questions.

"Are you certain that you saw the Mother Of God?"

"Yes."

"What did she look like?"

Again and again Juan described her breathtaking appearance.

At last the Bishop said, "You must come back and see me another time. I must take time to think about what you have told me. And you must take time to make sure that you did not just imagine you saw the Blessed Lady. You are of a very superstitious people, my son. Sometimes you think you see things that you really do not see."

(To be continued)

Our Blessed Lady

BERNARDINE DICKS

Grade 9, All Hallows School, Humbermouth, Newfoundland

WHEN the snow is falling gently,
The flakes so pure and white,
I think of the soul of Mary
From the first moment of her life.
How she went about Jerusalem
A maiden sweet and mild
And that Blessed day of Christmas
When she gave birth to her Child.
And now she is in Heaven,
With her loving Son,
Looking down on us, her children,
Each and everyone.

WINNING NAME

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL BURSE

This name was sent in by:

ELIZABETH SCHULTZE,
Grade 7, Immaculate ConceptionSchool, Lake Charles, La.

Elizabeth will receive the first prize. The following names, whose suggestions had real merit, will receive the second, third and fourth prizes:

JOHN BYRNE, St. Gabriel's School, Philadelphia, Pa.

GERALDINE MARNELL, Grade 7, St. Francis de Sales School, Denver, Colo.

KENNETH MALY, Crofton, Nebr.

Congratulations to our young contributors! They suggested many interesting names for the childrens burse for the training of native seminarians of the Marshall and Caroline Islands.

Chats Out Of Church

A 'Before Christmas' Song

FATHER RAY GRIBBIN

Hello Boys And Girls!

ONCE upon a time there was a king, a strong and mighty king, who ruled his people kindly and loved them with all his heart. Because he loved them, he led them into a fair country and gave them land to live upon. He helped them build their homes. He gave them wise laws to live by. He did everything that he could to make them happy.

For many years the people of this nation were happy. They followed the wise laws of the king. They lived in peace.

Little by little, though, they heard about other nations that lived over the green hills and far away. They began to wonder how these other nations lived. They wondered what the people looked like. And, as people do, they began to think that maybe the other nations had things better than they had them.

They knew, of course, that their king wanted them to stay in their own country, close to him. But they grew too curious. They were not satisfied. They had to see for themselves. So they packed up their clothes and set off across the green hills. When night came they stopped, and tried to look back at their own country. But it was dark. All of the fires had been put out, and they had left no lights in the windows. Right then they thought that they ought to turn back. They even tried to do it. But it was no use. They had never been away before, and they did not know how to find their way back.

As time passed, they saw the other countries. And they found none as good as the one they had left. They were disappointed. They wanted to go home, but they did not know the way. Still, they knew they must try.

For years they wandered, lost, sad, and lonely. The only thing they talked about was finding the way home again. They even began to sing a sorrowful song that went something like this, "O king, show us the road home again; teach us the path that leads to you." They didn't know whether or not the king would ever hear their song, but they just had to sing it because they needed help.

They hoped that some day, perhaps, their king would be out riding, and that the sad notes of the song would reach him. They hoped that he would forgive them. They hoped that he would ride out to meet them, and lead them back to the road that led to their own country. They hoped, and hoped, and sang their song, "O king, show us the road home again; teach us the path that leads to you."

Then one day . . . but it isn't fair to tell the end of the story now, because it isn't Christmas, and this is a Christmas story.

It is a real story, too. Of course, it didn't happen just exactly the way I told it, for it is the story of Adam and Eve, and of all their children, and grand-children, and great-grand-children, and great-great-grand-children.

It is the story of those awful years after Adam and Eve offended God and were put out of Paradise. It is the story of the sadness that covered the earth, like the low, gray clouds on a rainy day. It is the story of all those people who wanted to know, once again, what it was like to love God and to be near Him. It is the story that the Church, on this first Sunday of Advent, wants us to keep thinking about as we get ready for Christmas.

In fact, if you look in Mom's or Dad's Sunday Missal, you will find, in the Introit, the little song that the people really sang, for hundreds and hundreds of years: "Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me, and teach me Thy paths." It is a song that we ought to be singing now to ourselves. "Jesus, show me the way that leads to You; teach me how to be close to You at Christmas time."

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Answers To Your Questions

HERE are some more questions which have been turning up in my mail. They have been answered privately, of course, but are of general interest.

Q. I am 15 and have been going with a boy 19 who is out of school. My parents object. But Father, he is very nice to me and besides the boys in my own class are all so rude. What do you advise?

A. I advise obeying your parents. You are too young to be going steady with anyone, much less a boy so much older than you are. Stay with your own age group—and this boy should do the same.

I have noticed that this problem is becoming more widespread—that of a boy out of high school who is either in college or working, picking up with sophomore, junior or even freshmen girls.

This is not a normal association. The girl has her school work and extra-curricula affairs to occupy her time. The boy has—or should have—his adult problems to solve. Neither has anything in common with the other.

Often times a younger girl is flattered by such attention and this is chiefly her reason for accepting older company. The boy, often times, finds himself unable to keep up with more mature minds and settles on some younger girl.

They both find some measure of pleasure in each other's company, but the truth is that neither is facing the life at hand. Both are evading the social responsibilities which are theirs in entirely different walks of life. All of which contributes to an attitude of mind which could prove most disastrous, not only now, but in later life.

The world today is full of "escapists," people who will not or cannot face the responsibilities of life. They often get their start early in life.

Q. What do you think of the 4-H organization?

A. I think it is one of the finest organizations in existence today. It's too bad that city youth cannot have some similar organization.

I never fail to take in the local 4-H County Fair each year. It is an inspiration to see so many young people working on solid projects. All take a great pride in their work and they are learning lessons valuable for later life.

Catholic farm youth should join the 4-H. Not only is it good for them, but they as Catholics are good for 4-H. They have an opportunity to spiritualize the work of the organization and thus give the whole program a more lasting value.

Over and above this 4-H seems to possess a quality lacking in so many other organizations. It helps the kid who needs help. Even in Catholic youth work we often find ourselves "saving the saved"—that is working with kids who are good kids to begin with and who probably get along all right anyway. The problem is always to get at the kid who needs the help. 4-H does this to an admirable degree.

Q. What is the best way for a group of us to work against obscene literature?

A. Don't read it. See "Youth Organized" on this page and the "Weekly Chat" on page one.

Q. I think I have a vocation to the priesthood. I am in the 8th grade. I would like to enter the seminary next fall but some people have told me that it would be best to go through high school first. They say I should see a little of the world first and then I would be more certain. What do you think?

A. Holy Mother Church has established seminaries for the purpose of deciding vocations. That's exactly what they are for.

The world is not the place to decide your vocation and you are taking a chance by going to high school at home first.

This presupposes that you are not required at home and that you are free either to go to high school at home or enter the seminary.

There are always those of course, who for certain good reasons do not enter the seminary until later in life, but these are exceptions.

The best thing is get started as early as possible.

Try your vocation in the seminary, not in the world.

Youth Organized

Let's Back N.O.D.L.

JACK FINK

I'VE often pointed out in this column the duty youth organizations have toward the communities in which they exist. Youth organizations are supposed to develop leadership in their members. The members should be ready to take the lead in furthering the moral improvement of their community.

Some youth groups have been instrumental in improving the moral standards of dress and conduct at local night spots. Others have found other ways of helping their communities.

But here is a worthwhile project for all youth groups.

You young men and women know, probably far better than older adults, what is being published in the so-called comic books on our newsstands. You know that many horror and sex comics can have very grave effects upon the morals of the young people who read them. You know that it would help your community considerably if these comics could be removed.

Then let's start a campaign to get them removed. I'd like every one of you to read the "Weekly Chat" on page 1 of this paper that tells of interest that has been aroused nationally and how the city of New Orleans is attacking the problem. The city council there has passed two ordinances prohibiting the sale of horror and sex comic books.

After you've read that article, cut it out of the paper. Then compose a letter to the mayor of your city and suggest that similar ordinances be passed where you live. Enclose the article with the letter and point out to him that the New Orleans ordinances meet all the objections which have been raised in court decisions on similar ordinances.

Also point out in your letter that you, as a youth organization, are very concerned over the comic book situation. Tell him that these horror, crime and sex comics are responsible for a great deal of juvenile delinquency, a problem that you youth want to do something about.

Tell the mayor in your letter that you are sending a copy of the letter to the newspapers in your city or town. This will serve two purposes: it will give publicity to your group by letting the people know that your group is concerned with this problem, and it will act as a pressure on the mayor to do something with your letter.

But don't stop with the letter to the mayor. Talk with the members of other groups, Protestants, Jewish, civic, educational and fraternal, and ask them to do the same thing you did. If you can arouse a lot of interest you'll have a much greater chance of success.

Something else you might do to give momentum to this project is to sponsor a discussion on the influence of horror, crime and sex comic books on the morals of their readers.

Invite experts on this subject to take part in the discussion. Give the discussion wide publicity so as to attract as many citizens to it as possible. Send special invitations to the mayor, members of your city council, and other civic leaders.

Keep the campaign going. Urge as many people as possible to get behind the drive. Use the "Letters to the Editor" column of your newspapers to point up the necessity for the city to pass ordinances banning these comics.

There are many things your group can do. But even if you do nothing else, you can at least send the article on page 1 to your mayor with a letter urging similar ordinances for your city.

Brother Michael's Quiz

Read this week's installment of BROTHER MICHAEL'S MAGIC carefully. Then try to answer each of the following questions. You may use your catechism or other books to help find the answers. Five right is

1: When did Saul begin to use the name Paul regularly?

2: What is meant by taking God's name in vain?

3: What commandment do we break when we take God's name in vain?

4: Is it a sin to take God's name in vain?

5: Ordinarily what kind of sin is committed by one who takes God's name in vain?

(Answers on page 12)

For Fighting 69th Campaigners

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In addition, we suggest that the FIGHTING 69th Pledge be repeated on the Vigil of the Feast, Tuesday, December 7. We opened the Marian Year in this manner and should close it accordingly.

While making the Triduum we ask all Campaigners to remember Archbishop Noll in their prayers. As you know, the Archbishop suffered a stroke recently. It has not entirely incapacitated him, but there are many things he cannot do, including saying Mass and reading his beloved breviary every day.

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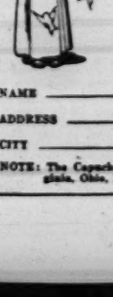

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CHARLIE CALLAHAN'S

Sportscasting

JOHN P. Carmichael is the sports editor of the Chicago **Daily News**. At one time, he attended Campion, a Catholic prep school in Wisconsin. Matter of fact he was graduated from there. He had intended going from Campion to Marquette. However, in the summer vacation intervening, one of the top Priests at Campion, it could have been the headmaster, moved from Campion to Marquette. He noticed Carmichael's application for Marquette. "I've had enough troubles for the past couple of years," said the good Father in question. And that is how Carmichael wound up going to the University of Wisconsin instead of Marquette. Or at least that is how John tells the story now. A frequent toastmaster and banquet headliner, he likes nothing better than to bring about a laugh at the expense of himself.

Carmichael lives on the north side in Chicago. Every Sunday, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, he takes up the collection in the middle aisle at his home parish. The pastor noted that during the autumnal months, he was usually late for Mass. The pastor admonished him on this. John said: "It isn't my fault, Father. I leave for church in plenty of time. But then I get to within about 20 or 30 yards of the main door, and troubles start. All of your dear parishioners start asking questions. They must have the inside information on the Notre Dame game of the previous day."

"I see," said the good Father. "Well, it is understandable."

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Unusual Fall

This has been an unusual fall. Just a couple of weeks ago, I mentioned something about fishing. Now, I have a note on hunting. Such outdoor activity almost, but not quite, makes me want to rake up the leaves in the front yard. At any rate, I received a prepared piece from Nick Podgurski sports columnist for **the North Country Catholic edition of Our Sunday Visitor**, who told me about hunting in the Adirondacks. The Adirondacks, in case you are uninitiated about matters geographical, are mountains in upstate New York, just a bit north of Albany. And the hunting area Mr. Podgurski speaks of specifically pertains to the Ogdensburg diocese.

Podgurski sent me a lot of safety rules. They were well written and most logical. But I'm not going to pass them on. I feel that any lad who goes out looking for prey with a loaded shotgun in his hands should be well-versed in safety rules, and needs no tenderfoot lecture from this voice. However, I should tell, via Mr. Podgurski, of the practice of churches in the area having a "hunter's" Mass at 5:00 a.m., and 6:00 a.m. It is something which could be copied during the hunting season in other parts of the country. (Note: Perhaps, it is. I wouldn't know. Have never been a hunter. Never intend to be one.)

In the same mail with Podgurski's story was one by James Wodjenski. This told of the prowess of the St. John's Academy, of Plattsburg, N. Y., football team. The quarterback is Pete Cronin. Mike Gilmore is a halfback. Also on the first team are Dick Casey, Roger Kennedy, and Charlie Mullaney.

The St. John's team is nicknamed the Fighting Irish. And, in this instance, at least, there should be no cracks.

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Season's Memories

Memories of a fading Notre Dame football season:

Hugh (Duffy) Daugherty, Michigan State coach, after the Notre Dame game. If ever a coach had a reason to be downcast, it was Daugherty. He had seen his team blow a 13-point lead, as Notre Dame came from behind to take a 20-13 advantage. Then, with about a minute to play, a long pass set up a Michigan State score, the touchdown coming with only seconds remaining on the clock. Then, the try for the all-important point. The Michigan State booter missed it. A few seconds later the game was over.

Heart-rending! Yes: If you were a Michigan State fan. And especially the Michigan State coach. But within five minutes after the game was over, Daugherty, in the Notre Dame dressing room, delivered a congratulatory talk to the Irish squad. A talk that N. D. fans may do well to remember the tag line. It was: "But remember, we'll knock you into the middle of Lake Michigan next year." When sportsmanship medals are passed around, Daugherty will be near the head of the line.

The Navy game in Baltimore: There were many Catholic boys on the Navy team. On the morning of the game, the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame was the celebrant at the Mass attended by the Catholic boys on the Middie squad. Serving the Mass was Phil Monahan, the captain of the Navy eleven. On the same weekend, Herb Jones, Business Manager of Athletics at N. D., passed along an item he noticed. The Irish stayed in Washington Saturday night, attended St. Thomas Apostle Church there Sunday morning. Ralph Guglielmi took up the collection. It was his finest "passing performance," according to Mr. Jones. He had 100% completions. A business manager would notice things like that.

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Next Saturday, Dec. 4, comes the finish of the season for the Fighting Irish—against Southern Methodist, at Dallas. I wonder if I can get away with the oldie about what happened at the 1949 contest between the two schools. You may remember there was a fellow named Kyle Rote at SMU, and the Notre Damers had to break a fourth period tie to win 27-20. There was a priest present who exhibited great joy when Southern Methodist came from behind to knot the count at 20 points apiece. A spectator sitting next to the priest said in amazement: "But Father, aren't you for Notre Dame?" The priest replied: "Not today. I was a Texan before I entered the seminary."

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'Stars In Sports'

Dave Warner, sports writer for the Rochester (N.Y.) **Democrat and Chronicle**, whose sports stories sometimes appear in the Youth Section of **Our Sunday Visitor**, is the author of a 64 page booklet entitled "Stars in Sports."

It contains the stories and pictures of 14 of the world's greatest men and women athletes. It's just the thing for kids who have heroes and heroines.

Incidents in the lives of Babe Ruth, Terry Brennan, Gene Tunney, Maureen Connolly, George Mikan and a host of other celebrities will thrill the boys and girls who will be given the booklet as a gift for Christmas or at any other time. Oldsters will also enjoy reading again about the "stars" they once saw in action. The booklet is published by Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Ind., and is priced at 50c per copy, five copies for $2.00, postage paid.

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Gospel Story

Watch For Me, Mary!

ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

IT is a wonderful thing to be "watched for." We had a tiny little grandmother, scarcely five feet tall, who grew so eager to see us that she would stand out on the step shading her eyes for a half hour before it was time for us to come down the street from work.

People used to catch their breath and gulp back a nostalgic sob when they saw that little white-haired lady standing there. "It is not time for your folks yet," our neighbor would say kindly. "It will be a half hour yet before they come."

Grandmother would smile sweetly. "I know," she would answer, "but I want to have everything ready." And she would go back to the house to check the potatoes and the coffee, then she would resume her watch on the step.

It was hard to come home after she left this earth. We had grown so accustomed to seeing her standing there waiting. Things were no longer in readiness for us either. But perhaps it was she, now in heaven, who sent us, via a good Montfort Father, the message of another "Watcher and Waiter." For there shall be another kind of homecoming.

We do not know when this homecoming will be. The Gospel tells us there will be signs: "And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations bewildered by the roaring of sea and waves; men fainting for fear and for expectation of the things that are coming on the world . . ." Signs . . . of the last day.

Misleading Signs

But signs are misleading. Men of every generation have thought the end was nigh. And if we spend all of our time looking for signs of the end, will that make us any the more prepared for it? And speaking of being prepared for it reminds us of grandmother who watched and waited for us 'way ahead of time "to have everything ready."

As we see it, the important thing is to have self ready for that great homecoming. And that was the message the Montfort Father brought to us. He brought news of the heavenly Watcher and Waiter. He advised us to give "self" into Her hands completely, so that she would have "self" absolutely ready for the end whenever it comes. She will not wait till the last moment. She will be busy ridding us of sins and imperfections 'way ahead of time. She will check on our lives with an eye to eternity. "I want to have everything ready," she will tell the angels when they see Her working so vigorously on a soul that has many long years to live on this earth before the end.

Do you want to have Mary, the Mother of God, the heavenly Watcher and Waiter, getting everything ready for your homecoming? Then learn the Secret of Mary Consecrate yourself: **"In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity."**

Do you know, we half-way expect grandmother to be watching beside the Queen of Heaven, shading her eyes in the old way. It is good, at any rate, to have made the consecration, and to be living it. If you, too, long for a heavenly Watcher and Waiter to get everything ready for your heavenly homecoming, here is a suggestion . . . **Sister Mary Agnes, Secretary, Confraternity of Mary, Queen Of Hearts, Victory Noll, Huntington, Indiana,** instructs by mail those wanting to learn how to begin a new life in Mary. Write her. She has all the latest leaflets, and she gives personal attention to the particular problem of each individual.

Answers To Brother Michael's Quiz

(Questions on page 11)

1: Saul began to use the name of Paul regularly after he preached to Sergius Paulus, the Governor of Cyprus.

2: By taking God's name in vain is meant that the name of God or the holy name of Jesus Christ is used without reverence; for example to express surprise or anger.

3: We break the second commandment when we take God's name in vain.

4: It is a sin to take God's name in vain.

5: Ordinarily taking God's name in vain is a venial sin.

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Family Fare

NANCY CAREY

How To Use The Left-Overs

I HADN'T really planned to do a column on using left-over fowl this week. It seems a bit late to make suggestions for using the last of the Thanksgiving bird, unless you have a freezer and have frozen the leavings. I'd planned a cookie column until my mail came in with a number of requests to give suggestions for using the last bit of fowl in inexpensive dishes. It's a good idea, for every homemaker must re-establish order to the food budget and with the Christmas season just around the corner you'll be serving more fowl so maybe you'd like to keep the recipes in your file.

Keep in mind the fact that you can use any fowl you have in these recipes even though the recipe may call for turkey and you have chicken. The flavor will be a bit different but the method and proportions will be the same. If you use the now accepted best method of cooking turkey and chicken, that of using no water, you may find you have no stock. Then use canned chicken or turkey soup, vegetable juices or Boullon cubes. You'll be surprised at the interesting flavors and textures you can develop by using your imagination on the foods on hand. You'll be surprised too, at the interesting drop you can make in the food budget by using a bit of ingenuity with old favorites.

Corn Casserole With Fowl

Here's a gourmet casserole utilizing the left-over fowl. Maybe you'd better double it.

1 package frozen cut corn; ¼ cup uncooked elbow macaroni; ¼ cup chopped onion; ¼ cup chopped green pepper; 2 tablespoons butter or margarine; 2 tablespoons flour; 1 cup milk; ½ cup sharp American cheddar cheese, grated; 1 to 1½ cups left-over chicken or turkey; ¼ cup slivered toasted almonds (optional).

Cook corn according to instructions on package; drain. Cook macaroni and drain. Saute onion and green pepper about 5 minutes in butter or margarine. Stir in flour; add milk and cook until smooth. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour into 1½ quart casserole. Bake in moderate oven 350° F. about 30 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

Chicken Salad Tarts

You've never baked a salad? I never had either until I tried this recipe. It really is chicken (or turkey) salad baked in your favorite pastry and it's delicious. Try it! Use a pie crust mix or make enough of your favorite pastry for 6 double-crust pies 6-inches in diameter.

Pie pastry; 1 large green pepper, finely diced; 2½ cups diced celery; 4 to 4½ cups diced cooked chicken; 2¼ cups mayonnaise; 1¼ teaspoon salt; few drops Tabasco; 1½ teaspoons monosodium glugamate such as Accent; 2¼ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce.

Prepare pastry and chill. Meanwhile combine remaining ingredients. Roll half of pastry ⅛-inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut in 6 circles 7-inches in diameter.

HOT CHICKEN SALAD TARTS

Fit loosely into 6-inch pie pans; trim edges. Fill pans with chicken salad mixture. Roll out remaining pastry ⅛-inch thick. Cut in 6 circles 6 inches in diameter. Cut out center of these circles with a 3-inch cookie cutter. Scallop by hand if desired. Place pastry rings on pies; press edges together with floured fork. Bake in hot oven 425° F. 25 minutes or until pastry is golden brown. Serve hot. Serves 6.

Parsley Turkey Rolls

This is one of those "quickies," particularly if you use biscuit mix. If you'd rather, use your favorite biscuit dough recipe. Your family will like it either way.

⅓-ounce can chopped broiled mushrooms; 2 cups diced cooked turkey; ½ cup turkey gravy; ⅛ teaspoon rosemary; 2 cups biscuit mix; ⅔ cup milk (about); 3 tablespoons butter or margarine; 1 teaspoon minced onion; 3 tablespoons flour; 1 cup milk; ½ teaspoon salt; ⅛ teaspoon pepper; ¼ cup minced parsley.

See Family Fare next page

731 Years Old And Still Growing

Chain With 2,000,000 Links

M. D. AMATOR

DID you know that tomorrow is All Saint's Day? But,—wait a minute, . . . before you tell me I'm 29 days behind time. After you've read to the end of this article, you can decide.

Exactly 731 years ago on November 29, 1223, something happened in Rome that sent out such powerful reverberations as to initiate a never-ending chain reaction. As century followed century these reverberations gained in momentum and soon they encompassed the entire globe. Today these reactions are still functioning, each spark igniting another. Thus the chain-reaction begun by a single man in Italy more than 700 years ago, blessed, approved, and confirmed by the Vicar of Christ, Pope Honorius III, on November 29, 1223 is sending out its sparks from more than 2,000,000 men on every continent of the globe today.

Who are these two million ignition links in this globe-encircling chain? They are the ones whom Lenin would liked to have had, but he realized his mistake too late. "I have made a great mistake," said he, "and it is too late to turn back now; but in order to save our country, Russia, we should have had men like St. Francis of Assisi. With ten such men we would have saved Russia."

Lenin saw the truth at last, but did not follow it. The Sovereign Pontiffs from Pope Honorius to the present Pope have affirmed the power of the way of life laid down by the little poor man of Assisi. If anything can be judged by its fruits, the method of St. Francis furnishes this abundantly. Thousands upon thousands of people in all walks of life have achieved eternal glory by following the Poverello's simple way of life.

6,000 Followers

In the seventeenth century, about the year 1688, Father Fortunatus Hueber, completed a large volume of short biographies of saintly Franciscans. This menology contains the names of 6,000 martyrs, confessors, virgins, widows, men and women, old and young who followed one of the three rules of St. Francis, all of whom lived holy lives, often doing only ordinary duties, and died saintly deaths.

Of these, 319 have been canonized and/or beatified. This number includes 193 from the First Order of St. Francis; 30 from the Second Order, the Poor Clares; and 86 from the Third Order of St. Francis. Besides these, there are more than 600 Franciscans, whose causes for beatification or canonization are pending at the Holy See. Only God knows how many other thousands in heaven are already included in the circle of sainted disciples of St. Francis.

In order to give due honor to all these canonized as well as uncanonized saints, followers of the Poor Man of Assisi, Holy Church has approved a great common feast of All Saints of the Three Orders of St. Francis. That feast was assigned to November 29, because it was on that date that Pope Honorius III confirmed the Franciscan rule, thus opening a new way to eminent sanctity to all Christians, whether married or single, whether king or pauper, whether religious or laymen.

What is this rule embraced today by more than two million? It is none other than that laid down in the Holy Gospels. St. Francis made the Gospel his law for living. In writing his first rule for his priests and brothers, his second rule for the women followers of Lady Clare, and his third rule for men and women, married and single, living in the world, St. Francis only showed each group explicitly how they should order their daily lives according to the precepts of the Holy Gospel. That is all that is necessary for attaining the heights of sanctity: Fulfilling perfectly the holy will of God in the ordinary duties of one's state in life.

Tomorrow's feast is one of renewed joy and of encouragement to greater fervor for all Tertiaries of St. Francis. To all the laity who are not members, St. Francis and his great circle of saints extend a warm welcome to join their ranks.

The most illustrious living Tertiary of St. Francis is none other than our Holy Father himself, Pope Pius XII, who for many years has been a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. All the late popes, from Pius IX to Pius XII inclusive, have declared that nothing could be more pleasing to them than that the Third Order of St. Francis be spread far and wide. The invitation is herewith extended personally to you, who now read these lines.

(Those who wish to read about Tertiary saints should secure a copy of "The Saints and Blessed of the Third Order of St. Francis" by L. Biersack, published by St. Anthony Guild Press, Paterson, New Jersey. This book contains lives of 118 saints and blessed of the Third Order only.)

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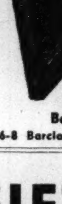

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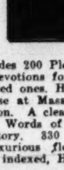

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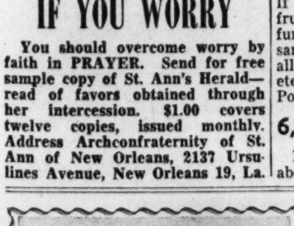

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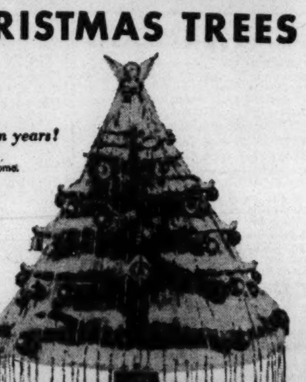

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Victory . . . Our Faith

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We need faith, first of all; belief in God and in the Son Whom He sent us, Jesus Christ. Faith is the first essential of human living. But let us be clear about what we mean by this wondrous word. Faith is not a mere emotion. It is not a vague sentiment of reverence in the presence of goodness and beauty, or of awe in the presence of mystery. Faith has to do with knowing, not with feeling. It is knowledge in its highest and surest form. Faith is the intellectual act by which, under the influence of grace, we accept on the authority of God the truths by Him revealed.

By faith, we know. It is a key to knowledge, to knowledge of the highest and noblest character. By faith, we rise above the things of earth and of time and glimpse the things of heaven and of eternity. From this high point of vantage, we sweep the horizon of human life from origin to destiny, and make the discovery that God is our beginning and our end. With faith we break through the barriers of nature to the supernatural vision of grace. How they misunderstand who consider faith a mere pious emotion! It is, instead, the surest of all forms of cognition, the word of Him Who knows unerringly and speaks with truth because He can neither deceive nor be deceived. God Himself is both revealer and guarantor of the truths of Faith.

God Falsified

Let us be clear, too, as to what we mean when we utter the sacred name of God. Those who have confused the notion of Faith, have also falsified the wonder which is God. To the timid who retreat before any positive assertion, there can be no understanding of the majesty of pure being, infinite affirmation, which is God.

Shallow men prattle of a shadowy world spirit or essence of things; of a dim projection of the ego, of a hypothetical construction of the mind for the purpose of explaining the hidden laws of nature. The reality is so inexpressibly greater, warmer, more uplifting, more comforting, more profoundly influential in our lives.

God is. He is self-subsisting, perfect being. He is personal God, all-wise, all-powerful, all-good, all-just, all-holy. He is changeless, eternal, infinite. He is one God in three divine persons. He created us innocent and holy. He redeemed us after our fall into sin. He sanctifies us. He is our beginning and our final purpose of end. He loves us as our father with a tender love, and He wants our filial love in return. He gave us His Son as our brother, and with the love that surpasses all other loves, our Brother laid down His life to give us life eternal.

Here Is The Answer

Here is the answer to all our questioning; the satisfaction for all our needs. The purpose of human life can be summed up in the three luminous propositions which define our relationship to God: we were created to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him. We were created by Him and for Him. We shall find no rest until we rest in Him. He is the fulfillment of all our aspirations—truth and goodness and beauty. He is the beginning and the end, our origin and our destiny. He is our only hope for happiness.

The most perfect revelation of God to man is made in His Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, God with us. Just as the Creator brought light and order to the ancient chaos at the dawn of creation, so His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, restored light and order to a world sunk in error and evil. The mission and message of Christ complete the earlier, partial revelations of God, and launch the world on the Christian era.

The era of Christ! In the sign of the Cross, Christ conquers the paganism which had enslaved mankind, and He sets man's feet on the highroad of faith, hope and love; the highroad of happiness through harmony with God, with fellowman, and with himself. Jesus Christ restored meaning and purpose and love to human life; He warmed and illumined our life where before it had been cold and dark. He rescued man from the wild wandering and the black despair of the atheistic materialism of that day. In this day of the new paganism, we Christians can again triumph in the sign of the same Cross of Christ.

Christ is the prophet and the teacher, in whose doctrines are the truths which inspire and satisfy the souls of men. He speaks to us with power and authority. He has the words of eternal life.

Priest And King

Christ is the priest, the mediator. His is the great atonement. By His sacrifice, we are redeemed from our sins. The Cross of Calvary stands for that great love which throughout the centuries has drawn men powerfully to Christ—that love by which He laid down His life for His Friends.

And Christ is King, the Lord of heaven and earth, Whose kingdom endures for ever and ever. He is the lawgiver, laying down the code of conduct that binds the consciences of men. He is the judge, merciful and just, Who rewards the good and punishes the evil. He is the ruler Who reaches from end to end mightily and disposes all things well. From Him alone do earthly magistrates receive their power of governance. He is the King of Kings. Worship and obedience, order and discipline, filial love—these He exacts from His subjects, but in return He gives them His Father's love and His Father's home, rich largess of grace and abiding peace of soul. Truly, to serve Him is to reign.

Answer To Our Quest

This, then, is what we mean by the Faith; this is the truth about God and Jesus Christ. This is why we repeat without ceasing that God and His Christ afford the answer to all our problems, and provide the solution to all our difficulties. Those who have never known the Christian religion, or who have not known it in its fullness as taught by the Catholic Church, should turn to it now, and examine its credentials. It is the answer to their quest.

The western world with its law of fraternal charity and its humane culture, was created by this faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ. At its best, our civilization was the fine flowering of the Christian Faith. Now that the West has fallen from its former greatness, let us recognize that it is because so many have fallen away from the Faith, or have denatured it by dilution and compromise.

We have fallen down before idols of flesh and of gold. It is not the true faith that has failed us; it is we who have failed the Faith. A weak and vacillating Christianity, a partial, truncated Christianity, paying lip service to God and to the spirit, but devoted in practice to man and matter, can never triumph in the battle with total, determined materialism.

Our nation, if it is to survive, must recover and renew its Christian Faith. Here alone can we find purpose to end the present confusion; strength instead of weakness; a dynamic zeal to overcome the difficulties of life; and uplifting, soul-stirring motive for the fight to the death against the total materialist enemy. In the sign of Christ's Cross our ancestors in the Faith conquered the ancient paganism and gave mankind the golden ages of the Christian era. We in our day shall conquer the new paganism, atheistic materialism, in the same triumphant sign.

Family Fare

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Drain mushrooms, reserve broth. Combine drained mushrooms, turkey, turkey gravy and rosemary. Combine biscuit mix and milk according to directions on package. Roll out in rectangle about 8x12 inches. Spread turkey mixture almost to edge of dough. Roll up like jelly roll. Cut in 6 slices. Place cut side down in greased baking dish, 10x6x2. Bake in moderately hot oven, 400° F. about 25 minutes or until biscuit is brown and done. Meanwhile melt butter in saucepan; add onion and cook about 1 minute. Stir in flour; add milk, mushroom broth and seasonings. Bring to boil, stirring constantly; add parsley. Serve over hot turkey rolls. Serves 4 to 6.

Duck In Orange Sauce

Luncheon guests would enjoy this good left-over duck dish. Double it for family use.

¼ cup butter or margarine; ¼ cup finely diced onion; ¼ cup finely diced celery; 1 5-ounce package pre-cooked rice; 1 3-ounce can chopped broiled mushrooms; ½ cup quick-frozen concentrated orange juice (undiluted); about ⅔ cup water; 1 teaspoon salt; ⅛ teaspoon pepper; 1 cup diced cooked duck meat, including giblets.

Saute onion and celery in melted butter in saucepan; let cook over moderate heat about 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add rice, stirring until coated with butter. Drain mushrooms and add mushroom broth to orange juice. Add enough water to make 1½ cups liquid. Add liquid to rice. Add mushrooms, seasonings and duck meat. Bring to boil; stir once. Cover tightly and remove from heat. Let stand in warm place 10 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Sunday Supper Salad

2 cups chopped cooked chicken; 1 cup finely chopped celery; ½ cup finely chopped sweet pickles; ⅔ cup salad dressing; salt and pepper; 8 slices toast; 8 slices cheese large enough to cover slice of toast; Chili sauce; Parsley.

Combine chicken, celery, pickles and salad dressing. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread chicken mixture on toast! top with cheese. Bake in moderately hot oven 400° F. or broil until cheese is melted. Garnish with a dot of chili sauce and parsley. Serve at once. Serves 8.

Turkey Dandy

Turkey Dandy is one of those dishes you can make from the "dibs" and "dabs" of food left over from the holiday feast. If you don't have peas and carrots, use the bits of vegetables you have.

8 ounces elbow macaroni; ½ cup butter or margarine; ½ cup flour; 2 teaspoons salt; 4 cups milk or turkey stock or combination; 2 cups cooked turkey; 2 cups cook peas; 2 cups cooked sliced carrots.

Cook macaroni in boiling salted water until tender, or about 10 minutes. While macaroni is cooking, melt butter in saucepan. Stir in flour and salt; add milk or turkey stock and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Place macaroni in square or oblong baking dish; arrange layer of turkey over macaroni and top with carrots and peas. Pour white sauce over all. Bake in moderate oven 350° F. about 30 minutes. Serves 8.

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Chapter VIII

Life of Christopher Columbus

IT is difficult to condense the entire life of Columbus into a single page, without missing many details. But this work is not intended to be a comprehensive historical research on every subject matter selected. Rather, its purpose is to present only "portrait biographies" of those great Catholic personages, whose life and achievements are reflected on U.S. postage.

Here are the "highlights" about the life of Columbus as reported in the Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 4, pp. 140-149:

Christopher Columbus (C18) was born at Genoa, Italy, about 1451. His parents were of limited means, so his early education was defective. Going to sea at fourteen, he was an experienced navigator when he arrived at Portugal in 1471 trying to get the King to support his scheme of sailing westward. Failing, he went to work for his brother, Bartholomew, at Lisbon, making marine charts.

In 1485 Columbus went to Spain soliciting support for his proposed voyage to the west, and, through the efforts of Father Juan Perez of La Rabida, he succeeded in getting the government to appoint a commission to hear his plan. Columbus had his hearing before this group at the University of Salamanca (C7) early in 1487, but his idea was rejected. The Spanish war with the Moors and the failure of Columbus to make a full disclosure of his information are cited as reasons for the refusal.

In 1491, he again prevailed on the King for a second hearing, and again was turned away. Disappointed and penniless, he decided to go to France. By chance, he stopped for a night's rest at La Rabida and fortunately told Father Perez every detail of his plan. (C12) Father Perez was Confessor to Queen Elizabeth (C17) and he went to her, winning her support. (C14) Spanish defeat of the Moors also removed a grave obstacle.

April 30, 1942, Columbus reached final agreement with the Crown to finance his expedition. He was to be outfitted with three ships, one fully decked — The Santa Maria, and two caravels—the Pinta and Nina. (C5-6) Columbus got two brothers, Martin and Vincent Pinzon, to command the caravels, together with 120 courageous sailors. The small fleet sailed from Palos on August 3, 1492.

After touching at the Canaries, they sailed west into the unknown. On October 12, 1492, at 2:00 a.m. Columbus sighted land. (C3-4) It was the island he named San Salvador. Turning south, he discovered Cuba and Santo Domingo. Leaving some of his crew to hold his settlement in the new world, he returned to Spain, arriving at Palos on March 15, 1493. (C10-11)

On his second voyage he sailed from Cadiz on Sept. 25, 1493, with three large vessels, 13 caravels and 1,500 men. Taking a southerly route he discovered Porto Rico (C25-26) and Jamaica. He spent three years extending his discoveries and founding colonies, returning to Cadiz on June 11, 1496.

He left from Seville on his third voyage (C16) with six ships on May 30, 1498, venturing further south. He first landed on the island of Trinidad and sighted the mainland of South America. He was not as accomplished an administrator of his colonies as he was an admiral of the seas, and he encountered grave administrative difficulties. Plagued by dissension and revolt, he was returned to Spain in chains (C15) in October, 1500.

Restored, (C19) he organized a fourth voyage. Putting out from San Lucar in May, 1502, with four vessels and 150 men, he toured the coast of Central and South America. June 23, 1503 he shipwrecked on the coast of Jamaica, where he languished a year before being rescued. Broken in health, he returned to Spain in November, 1504, never again to sail.

Columbus died May 20, 1506, at Valladolid, Spain, still contemplating new and greater adventures, one of which was rescuing the Holy Land from the infidels.

As part of the Columbian Exposition issue four stamped envelopes were printed, showing the heads of Columbus and Liberty superimposed on a globe of the world, and bearing the dates: "1492-1892." They are a one cent (deep blue); a two cent (violet) (see cut); a five cent (chocolate), and a 10 cent (slate brown).

Crusade

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interest and enthusiasm which is further heightened by the example of the faithful in every parish.

Even those who at the beginning are somewhat listless and indifferent become infected with the crusading zeal of the others who surround them on all sides. Example is the most powerful force in the world and few there are who can resist it. The sight of men, women and children praying daily in their homes, churches and schools will melt a heart of stone and spread a spirit of prayer and zeal even to those who have hitherto held aloof from Catholic Action.

There is a wholesome rivalry between parishes, which utilizes for a spiritual purpose the natural desire to see their own group excel. For the duration of the Crusade every parish becomes an enlarged Legion of Mary, with many discovering for the first time the unique joy that comes to those who strive to bring Christ to others. The whole diocese becomes permeated with a missionary atmosphere and the laity come at last to realize that to be a Catholic means to be a missionary.

The Crusades for the rescue of the holy shrines of our Lord from the hands of the Saracens generated an enthusiasm which prompted countless thousands of men and even children to enlist in the great enterprise. They were willing to leave family and home and face the perils of land, sea and battle from which many never returned. The Crusade for Souls is a still holier and greater Crusade, and it will enlist the crusading zeal of every man, woman and child in a diocese to win for Christ the greatest of all prizes—the souls of their churchless friends and neighbors.

"Now, the Catholic Church has advantages over other churches in these (segregation) matters; its government is hierarchial, and its discipline therefore is greater. One cannot leave the Catholic Church and set up another. Although there can be (and are) separate Negro parishes, there cannot be a Negro Catholic Church." — **Alan Paton.**

What Our Readers Think

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Want To Help Dale?

Editor:

THE lending library in our Catholic information center does great good. In the last week two persons who had made their first contact through books in our library, came to us to ask for instructions.

If there are **OSV** readers who have books they aren't using that would fit into our lending library, we would appreciate them. Any kind of books at all so long as they are Catholic and, while I doubt if there are any spare sets around, we need a Catholic encyclopedia, too. We can't use papers but pamphlets and magazines we put into the railroad and bus stations.

—**Dale Francis**
439 S. Tryon St.
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Correction?

Editor:

IT'S true that "the world does **not** revolve around Senator McCarthy" as stated in the column "Right or Wrong" of October 31, but it does revolve around morality, and McCarthy is a symbol of morality. And this is true whether he is a moral man or not.

I think he is. But whether he is or not, what he has done in the limited area in which he was originally attacked and for which he is still primarily attacked, is moral; and those who attack him either don't know what they're talking about or they're immoral. The issue is morality. McCarthy is the issue.

Sincerely,
H. J. E.
Battle Creek, Mich.

But He Thinks So

Editor:

IN your Right or Wrong column for October 31, you said "the world does not revolve around Senator McCarthy." You were never so right! Joe just thinks it does.

I admit the necessity of exposing Communists and Communist-sympathizers, but why can't McCarthy learn and adopt the tactics of the Jenner committee and the House Un-American Activities committee? They're doing a good job without antagonizing anyone. Methods as well as results do count.

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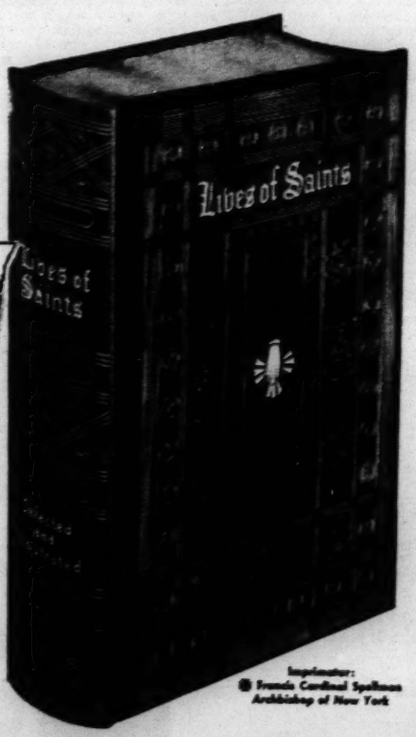

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Catholic Artists Will Honor Mary At National Convention Nov. 26-27

St. Mary-of-the-Woods—Catholic artists will pay tribute to Mary when they meet here at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College (near Terre Haute), November 26-27, for the national convention of the Catholic Art Association.

"THE RENOVATION of Christian Art under the Patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" is the convention theme. Delegates will pledge themselves to sing once a day, during the course of their work, the Salve Regina. An illuminated manuscript stating this pledge and signed by the members, will be sent to the Holy Father.

For this Marian Year convention, the Catholic Art Association will return to the scene of its founding in 1937. Sister Esther, S.P., who was largely responsible for that initial meeting and who served as the C.A.A.'s first director, is general chairman for the 1954 convention. Sister heads the art department of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

The Rev. David Ross King, C.A.A. president and superintendent of schools for the diocese of Superior, Wis., will address the group at the opening session, Friday morning, after which Sister Esther will present the theme of the convention.

Msgr. Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D., a national figure in the fields of both education and the arts, will give the major address Saturday afternoon when he discusses the "Need for Cooperation in Catholic Arts." Monsignor Quigley is superintendent of schools for the diocese of Pittsburgh, and national president of the National Catholic Music Educators Association.

THREE PANELS and symposiums will consider "Opportunities for Renovation," "Training the Catholic Artist," and "Art Training for Clergy and Seminarians." Group meetings will discuss elementary workshops, adult education and parents' contacts, and artist-dealer-buyer relations. Sectional meetings will be held for the elementary, secondary, college, professional, and seminary-novitiate interests.

Delegates will participate each morning in a Missa Cantata and will recite Compline together before the evening Benediction. The blessing of the Advent Wreath will precede the farewell dinner Saturday evening.

Noted artists and art educators participating in the program include: the Rev. Anthony Lauck, C.S.C., sculptor, of the University of Notre Dame; Sister M. Jeanne, O.S.F., Rosary Hill College, Buffalo, N.Y., editor of the Catholic Art Quarterly; Mrs. Alfred Berger of Cincinnati, author of "Cooking for Christ," who will give a slide lecture on "The Liturgical Spirit in the Christian Home"; the Rev. Richard Dounaire, of the Chicago Archdiocesan Art commission; and Ade de Bethune, popular liturgical artist of Newport, R.I.

Sister Magdalen Mary, I.H.M., and Sister M. Corita, I.H.M., Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sister Augusta, S.C., Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio; Father Donald Walpole, O.S.B., St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad; the Rev. Rollins Lambert, Chicago; Sister M. Rosine, R.S.M., Our Lady of Cincinnati College, Cincinnati; Sister Marie Pierre, S.S.J., St. Paul, Minn., Sister M. Joanne, S.N.D., Toledo, Ohio.

NINA POLCYN St. Benet Bookshop, Chicago; Eileen Niemeier, Loveland, Ohio; Ann Grill, Barat College, Lake Forest, Ill.; Edward Demers, Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa; and Robert Leader, University of Notre Dame.

MURAL FOR INDIANA CHURCH — "The Assumption," an oil mural by Stanley S. Sessler (lower right), head of the University of Notre Dame art department, soon will become an over-altar decoration at the church of St. Mary-of-the Knobs in southern Indiana (Floyd Knobs). The Rev. Paul Ofer, pastor of the church, commissioned Sessler to paint the mural which measures approximately twelve by fifteen feet. Sessler spent about a year on the project.

NODL Chairman Notes Spread Of Decency Drive

Washington — (NC) — The past year witnessed a large increase in the number of local campaigns against the spread of unclean literature. At the same time greater organized opposition developed on the part of publishers to a decent literature campaign.

This report was made to the American Bishops at their annual meeting here by their committee on the National Organization for Decent Literature. The report was made by Bishop John F. Dearden of Pittsburgh, new chairman of the committee, for ailing Archbishop John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, who resigned.

Unclean literature has become "big business" as compared to the clean, for which there is at present proportionately less demand than ever before, Bishop Dearden reported.

Publishers have created in youth a state of mind toward sex matters and formed in them an appetite for crime stories, the NODL report stated. Reflected in radio and television programs, this state of mind has become so common that parents regard it as natural and pay little attention to it, the report stated.

Among "heartening" developments in the publishing field Bishop Dearden noted the formation of a code of ethics by the newly formed Comics Magazine Association of America, representing 24 of the 27 comic book publishers of the country. The Bishop also noted that Judge Charles F. Murphy of New York, a Catholic, has assumed the office of administrator of the code.

THE NODL FOUND little difference in practice between the attitude of Catholic parents and the attitude of others regarding moral matters. The report complained that the catechism lessons dealing with God's commandments make little impression on the parents today "because the mind of the American people has been formed by a purely secularized press, by the movies and by the amoral magazines which come to every home."

Virginia Gregg Featured On 'St. Francis Hour' On WOWO November 28

Fort Wayne — "If love isn't this wonderful feeling what is it?" a dreamy-eyed girl asks her mother.

The answer to this question will be given on "The Hour of St. Francis" at 6:15 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 28, over Radio Station WOWO. Virginia Gregg, brilliant screen, radio and television star, as mother, reviews her own first year of marriage which began with that wonderful feeling. In two months, she marries. Half a year later, she is only beginning to realize what kind of man her husband is.

Disappointed and bewildered, she learns that happiness is beyond the power of herself and her husband to secure, and yet there is a way both of them can be happy. In her finding of the solution, she gives the answer to one of the heart's most urgent questions. "What is real love?"

C.Y.O. Play Festival

Fort Wayne—The high school C. Y. O of four parishes here will have a one-act play competition Sunday afternoon, November 28, at Precious Blood auditorium. The parishes entering are the following: Precious Blood, St. Mary, St. Patrick and St. Joseph. All those, young and old, who are interested in the efforts of these young thespians are invited to attend. The first entry hits the boards at 2:30, and there will be no admission charge.

Barrymore Anointed

Hollywood — (NC) — Lionel Barrymore was anointed and given conditional absolution a few hours before his death by Father Patrick F. O'Dwyer, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Van Nuys.

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GIRL SCOUTS DEMONSTRATE FLAG CEREMONIES — Pictured above are five members of Girl Scout Intermediate Troop 54 at St. John the Baptist School giving a demonstration of flag ceremonies which they presented before adult Scout leaders of Fort Wayne and Allen County last week. In the above photo (left to right) are Margaret Kennedy, Mary Martha Miller, Mary Ann Weaver, Andrea Hall and Betty Jean Carroll.—Fort Wayne **News-Sentinel** photo.

Difference Between Holy See And Vatican City Is Explained

Philadelphia—(NC)—The difference between the Holy See and the State of Vatican City—often mistakenly regarded as two words for the same thing—is pointed out in a special Vatican bulletin published by the National Philatelic Museum here.

THE BULLETIN was put out in connection with the Vatican—Marian Year stamp exhibit, held here to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Vatican City's first postal issues.

International lawyers generally agree, Father Robert A. Graham, S.J., noted in a bulletin article, that the Holy See and the Vatican State are two separate international personalities.

The Holy See, he wrote, is by far the more important of the two. It may be described, he stated, "as a non-territorial international personality exercising sovereign prerogatives, including sovereignty over the Vatican State."

Vatican City, which fulfills the minimum definition of a state, is unique as a state, Father Graham continued. Its sole aim, he said, is to guarantee the Pontiff's independence of any civil power.

SOME INTERNATIONAL law authorities, he noted, have called Vatican City a "vassal state," not in the sense that it is subject to another state (the Holy See is not a state), but in the sense that it is subordinate to and serves the purposes of the Holy See.

By the Holy See the author means the Pope as Supreme Pontiff together with the persons associated with him in the government of the Church at Rome.

No religious leader in the world, he declared, has a position in international law comparable to that of the Pope. This position does not result, he pointed out, from the fact that the Holy Father is the sovereign of Vatican City. The Popes, he wrote, have shown an authority and exercised an influence in world affairs over a long period of time "which compels states to accord them treatment normally reserved to civil rulers."

WHILE INTERNATIONAL law does not commit itself to any theological position, he said, international lawyers acknowledge that the Pope has his special position as a result of his religious role. He is, Father Graham stated, a religious authority whose non-territorial sovereignty is recognized in international law.

History, he concluded, shows that it is a "gross misconception" of the unique position of the Holy See to imagine that it is based on the Vatican State. To show the relationship between Vatican City and the Holy See he cited an authority who wrote:

"The Pope is not sovereign because he is the ruler of the Vatican State; he is the ruler of the Vatican because he is sovereign."

Arrange For Status With American Group

Washington — (NC) — Mlle. Marie Levesque du Rostu, president general of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, and Mlle. Francoise de Saint Maurice, general secretary, met with the Organization of American States here to complete arrangements for consultative status with that body.

Present at the meeting were the heads of the departments of economic and social studies, cultural and juridicial affairs as well as representatives of the Inter-American Commission of Women.

The two women leaders attended the national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women in Boston and a Bureau meeting of the World Union. Both are from Paris France.

DECATUR DISTRICT C.Y.A. PLANS CHRISTMAS DANCE — At a meeting at St. John's church, New Haven, the Decatur District Catholic Young Adults formulated plans for a Christmas semi-formal dance. This annual affair for the Fort Wayne Deanery C.Y.A. will be held Sunday, December 19, at Decatur Catholic high school auditorium. Shown above, standing (left to right) are the Rev. Henry J. Ameling, district C.Y.A. moderator; Dottie Hathaway, Delores Schall, Dan Lengerich, LuAnn Brames, Jim Lamont, Roseann Vodde and John Reuille. The co-chairmen of this dance committee (seated) are Thelma Voors and Tom Rumschlag.

College And School News

Sister Mary Christella of St. John's School, Goshen, is represented in the December issue of **The Instructor**, nationally circulated teachers' magazine.

A teacher of grades 1-3 and art adviser for grades 6-8, Sister Christella submitted a project developed in the upper grades at St. John's School. The contribution is published under the heading "Outdoor Nativity Scene."

Sister Christella also received a major prize in an art contest conducted by this magazine last year for her entry, "Taking the Tension out of Time Telling."

Judy Berg, a senior, has been elected president of the Student Council of Fort Wayne Central Catholic high school for the 1954-55 school year. Other officers are Terry Faylor, vice-president; Tom Uecker, secretary, and Rudy Jansen, treasurer.

The Senior girls of Central Catholic high school, Fort Wayne, were guests of the Student Council of St. Francis College last week.

The guests first toured the campus and then assembled in the auditorium where Sister M. Evodine, O.F.S., addressed the group. A short 'pop' music program under the direction of Mr. John Yonkman, head of the music department, followed.

Sr. M. Evodine, O.F.S., president of St. Francis College, and Sr. M. Rosanna, O.F.S., College dean, attended a Catholic Cooperative study meeting at Mundelein College, Chicago, last Saturday.

Two former students of Central Catholic high school, Fort Wayne, Robert Schleinkofer and Jerry Mettler of St. Procopius College, attended the National Catholic Interracial Council held at Lewis Aeronautical College, Lockport, Ill., from November 12-14.

Work groups outlined plans for various projects, which will be carried out by individual human relations clubs on the respective campuses. The clubs will report to the National Council in a few months on the findings of their clubs.

Dave Christie has been elected president of the freshman class at Fort Wayne Central Catholic High School. Other officers elected were Judy McGarry, vice-president; Jude DeWald, secretary; Margaret Popp, treasurer.

Dr. Norman T. Pratt of Indiana University was the speaker at the St. Francis College faculty meeting last week. Dr. Pratt, who is Chairman of the Department of Classical Language and Literature of the university, spoke on the subject, "General Education."

A few years ago, Dr. Pratt was honored by an invitation from Columbia University to spend a year at that institution participating in the general education program there.

Whiting C.Y.A. Group To Hold Dance Nov. 26

Whiting — The Catholic Young Adults have made plans for their first annual semi-formal dance which is to be held November 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Gary. Admission to Silhouettes in the Night is by bids which may be obtained by contacting Helen Sorota, Whiting 1492-R or Virginia Ashcraft, Whiting 2432-H. Music for the formal will be provided by the Blue-Tones and the dance will last from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

Committees under the co-chairmanship of Joan Dubeck and Robert Fasiang have been working for the past month making the necessary preparations.

All Catholic Young Adult members from the Whiting district, as well as members from other districts and deaneries of the Fort Wayne diocese are invited to attend.

Pope Names Legate To Closing Marian Year Ceremonies At Lourdes

Vatican City—(Radio, NC)—His Eminence Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, Canada, was named by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as Legate to ceremonies at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France intended to mark the closing of the Marian Year there.

The ceremonies, which will take place on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, will include a Solemn Pontifical Mass and Solemn Pontifical Vespers at which Cardinal Leger will preside.

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K.C. TROPHIES AWARDED TO C.Y.O. GRID WINNERS — Division winners in the Fort Wayne CYO Grade School Football League, were presented trophies by Knights of Columbus Council 451 at ceremonies held November 14th at St. Andrews Parish Hall. In the photo above (left to right) are: Robert Christie, Deputy Grand Knight, who made the presentation; James Uecker, Coach, St. Andrew's team; Mike Goodman and Rubin Silva, co-captains of St. Andrew's; James Boyer, Coach, Precious Blood team; Joseph Uecker, captain, Precious Blood team; and Dennis Weissert, assistant Coach, Precious Blood team.

N.D. Closes Home Card With U.S.C.

Notre Dame — One of football's finest rivalries will be renewed this Saturday, November 27, when the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame entertain Southern California's Trojans at the Notre Dame stadium. Game time is 1 p. m. (C.S.T.).

ALWAYS A gridiron treat, this year's contest shapes up as one of the season's top games. With U.C.L.A. ineligible to return to Pasadena, the Trojans have already clinched the Rose Bowl berth. They will represent the Coast against Ohio State, champion of the Big Ten on New Year's Day.

Although Notre Dame holds an edge in the all-time record against the Trojans of 16 wins against seven losses and two ties, the game is always close and hard played.

It will be the final game of the regular season for Southern Cal, who will have an extra incentive for winning, as the Irish inflicted a 48-14 loss on the Trojans last season. This was their worst loss in the 25 year series with the Irish.

The game has been a sell-out for weeks and a capacity gathering of 57,000 will be on hand for the Notre Damers' final home appearance.

2,000 Boys Hear Outline To Imitate Dominic Savio's Life

Los Angeles — (NC) — "We dare any boy in this audience to say that he cannot do what Dominic Savio has done," Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles, challenged 2,000 boys in St. Vibiana's Cathedral here.

FORSAKING their usual Saturday morning pursuits, the boys had gathered to sing Solemn Mass in celebration of the canonization of the 15-year-old Saint.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, presided. The boys came from all parochial schools in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Except for the Sisters who accompanied them, it was a "boys only" congregation. Boys filled every pew, choir stall, nook and cranny from sanctuary to choir loft.

"Dominic Savio has been exalted for youth in a sublime call to sanctity—not as a martyr, not as a missionary, not as a priest, but as a boy," said Bishop Manning.

"And as boys, the stuff is given you to become Saints in heaven," he added.

A six-by-five-foot picture of the boy Saint was placed on the gospel side of the sanctuary, high enough for all the boys, from first graders to eighth graders, to see. At the conclusion of Mass, Cardinal McIntyre imparted the Apostolic Blessing to the boy congregation.

Bishop Manning told the boys they had five means at their fingertips to follow in the footsteps of Dominic Savio. These, he said, are:

1. **LOVE OF** the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. "The influence of St. John Bosco made Dominic Savio a daily communicant. Love of these Sacraments is the first step to holiness."

2. Good example in all associations. "You have an obligation in your circle of friends by your language and example to be a leader among men, to draw them to God. Throughout Savio's life we can see him planning to lead others to good."

3. **Love of the Blessed Mother. "Every boy should have in his room an image of the Blessed Mother. He should speak to her as his mother, not distantly and formally, but as a boy. He should open up his heart and place it at her feet."**

4. Thought of the imminence of death. "Keep the thought of death before you and you will never sin."

5. Order. "Actions must be kept under control of the will, and the will under control of moral law. That is order. Order is obedience and peace. And that is the purpose of discipline in school."

Fort Wayne C.C. Whips Elmhurst In Net Opener

With a splendid display of spirit and team work, the Irish of C.C. won its first game of the season by defeating Elmhurst 69-38, at Fort Wayne, Friday, November 9.

C. C., UNDER new coach Terry Coonan, got off to a bad start, but speed, excellent ball handling and rebounding proved too much for the Trojans.

After dropping behind for the first few minutes, the Purple got going and the first period ended 12-10 in favor of the Irish.

They made it 22-16 by halftime and really poured it on in the last two periods. Gary Janeway and Dick Michael led the Irish in scoring with 20 and 19 points respectively. In the second half, Coach Coonan emptied the bench and everyone got at least two points.—**Terry Faylor.**

Named Chairman

Fort Wayne—Clarence Michaels has been elected chairman of the sponsoring committee of Boy Scout Troop 37 and Explorer Post 2037 of St. Peter's Church. George Frey was elected vice-chairman of the committee; Kenneth Sockrider, secretary; Farnk Federspiel, treasurer, and the Rev. Joseph Crowley, chaplain. Plans are being made for a Christmas candy sale, a Christmas party and a camping trip to Pokagon State Park.

MERITORIOUS AWARD TO USO — On behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense, a Meritorious Award citation is presented by Major General Albert C. Lieber, Post and Divisional Commander at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to the United Service Organizations, Inc. USO President Emil Schram is shown receiving the award in St. Louis, at an Executive Committee meeting. The National Catholic Community Service, member agency, was represented by Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, Msgr. Paul F. Tanner, Thomas D. Hinton, Executive Director, N.C.C.S., and two members of the Executive Committee, William D. Walsh of St. Louis and Cushman B. Bissell of Chicago.

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Master Of All Trades

Continuing in the same vein as our last month's comments on "city slickers and dumb farmers," we wonder if people ever stop to compare the average farmer with a city job-holder.

MOST FACTORY jobs, for example, involve an assembly-line technique. Each workers does one task, or at the most two or three, all day long. The over-emphasized "white collar" jobs generally require one skill. Even at the executive level, the need is for specialized training in a specific field.

Now contrast these with the work of an average farmer. He is a mechanic; an amateur veterinarian; and a carpenter.

He is the "foreman" to direct his workers, and the "laborer" to work along with them.

He must be the bookkeeper and clerk to keep his records straight.

HE MUST BE a super salesman and merchandiser to display and sell his products for the highest possible price.

He needs the knowledge of a scientist to know about crop rotation, soil conservation, fertilizers, erosion, animal breeding and the like.

He must be as sharp as any Wall Street banker to know the ups and downs of the market.

Who said the farmer doesn't need an education? Who ever called a farmer "dumb"? Whoever made the statements had best take another look at the facts.

Seven C.C. Players Are Selected For All-City Grid Team

Fort Wayne — Seven Central Catholic football players were selected on the official 1954 All-City High School Football Squad.

FIVE OF THE seven were linemen and included Terry Faylor, guard; Mel Zehner, end; Joe DeVille and Jim Loraine, tackles, and Tim Faylor, center.

Larry Dodane and Bob Bogenschutz are C.C.H.S. players in the backfield.

C.C.H.S. players making honorable mention were Jim Yarnelle, end; Phil Teders and Kenny Sive, guards; Jim Becker, backfield.

The All-City Squad was selected by an official board comprised of the five head coaches of the city high schools, five player representatives (one for each school) and the sports staffs of the **News-Sentinel** and the **Journal-Gazette.**

Bishop Lauds Denmark's 'Genuine Democracy'

Copenhagen, Denmark —(NC)— Denmark's lone Catholic Bishop voiced his pleasure here in the fact that it is not only possible to erect Catholic schools in this country, but to do so with government aid.

Speaking at the blessing of a new parochial school in the Lyngby suburb, Bishop J. T. Suhr, O.S.B. of Copenhagen declared that the fact was a tribute especially to the democracy of Denmark. He said:

"If we consider the battle for schools that is now going on in some European countries, we may look upon the circumstance that the state in our land not only tolerates Catholic schools' undertakings, but even aids them, as a sign of genuine democracy."

Denmark has about 26,000 Catholics in a population of 4,240,000. More than 95 per cent of the people nominally belong to the Lutheran State Church. Last year, the Vicariate of Denmark was raised to the rank of a diocese — the first in Scandinavia since the Reformation — and Bishop Suhr, who had served as Vicar Apostolic since 1938, was made the first Ordinary of the new See.

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Book Asks Fairness, Urges Lay Participation In Controversies

New York City—(NC)—Controversies are a natural thing, but they do not have to be unreasonable, Dr. James M. O'Neill pointed out in his new book "Catholics and Controversy," published by McMullen Books here.

WHEN THERE is freedom of expression, there are bound to be controversies arising in speech and writing, he elaborated. But because these controversies are "natural and unavoidable does not mean that they cannot be discussed reasonably and fairly," he said.

And Catholics who are part of the population find themselves as parties to controversies frequently in many fields, Dr. O'Neill continued.

Dr. O'Neill mentioned that the Catholic laity has a great role to play in controversy, for when they are subject to "unfounded and unjust" attacks, they "must either answer the attacks made upon them or inevitably be accused of not being able to answer."

He said there are three roundabout ways of pleading guilty to attacks leveled against Catholics or the Church.

The first is to refrain from discussing religion even to the point of not correcting errors. The second way is to say "that you wish to avoid controversy in religion."

THE THIRD way is "to offer advice which in itself is good, but which is no answer to the specific charges against the Catholic Church or its members."

An informed laity, he says, can "best" make the needed answers to unfounded charges. First of all, a great many of these accusations are made in small groups only when laity are present. Here the well-informed Catholic can make an adequate answer to it.

Secondly, answers made in writing by lay people seem to have more weight with non-Catholics than an answer made by a member of the clergy for many non-Catholics have been "already innoculated with a potent serum against believing anything that a Catholic priest says." Lay people are the only ones who can fill the gap, he added.

AND IN conducting controversies or debates, the most important thing to have, he emphasizes, is good, accurate knowledge. Without this knowledge, good techniques mean little. But without good techniques or argumentation and debate, even a cogent argument cannot be used to its greatest advantages.

Mr. O'Neill used in his book examples of the areas where Catholics do get into controversies —for example, questions concerning the separation of Church and State, religious education in America, and censorship — as well as minor areas of "irritants and incipient controversies," for example misstatements in the public press on Catholicism and Communism, relations with Vatican City, the "Catholic vote," and slander in sermons.

PRIESTS FREED BY GENEVA PACT — These four American priests of the Passionist Order, are the first U. S. citizens released by the Chinese Communists as a result of the Geneva Conference. They are shown in St. Mark's Square, Venice, Italy, en route to the United States after five years of "house arrest," in Red China. Left to right: Revs. Lawrence Mullin, C.P., of Jersey City, N.J.; John Baptist Maye, C.P., Scranton, Pa.; Linus Lombard, C.P., Ipswich, Mass., and Ernest Hotz, C.P., of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Archbishop Alter Re-Elected Chairman Of NCWC Board

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Auxiliary of Chicago, Assistant Treasurer; Bishop John J. Russell of Charleston, S.C., Assistant Secretary; Bishop James J. Navagh, Auxiliary of Raleigh, Assistant to the Chairman of the Administrative Board for the Bureau of Information; Bishop Russell J. McVinney of Providence, Assistant Chairman for the Department of Education; Bishop William E. Cousins of Peoria, Assistant Chairman for the Legal Department; Bishop Joseph M. Gilmore of Helena, Assistant Chairman for the Department of Immigration; Bishop Allen J. Babcock of Grand Rapids, Assistant Chairman for the Department of Lay Organizations; Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste of Belleville, Assistant Chairman for the Press Department; Bishop Richard O. Gerow of Natchez, Miss., Assistant Chairman for the Youth Department; Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport, Assistant Chairman for the Department of Social Action.

The following Bishops were appointed to assist Archbishop Keough in different phases of the work within the Social Action Department:

Bishop William A. O'Connor of Springfield, Ill., hospitals; Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, charities; Bishop Peter W. Bartholome of St. Cloud, family life; Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, Ky., rural life, and Bishop Martin D. McNamara of Joliet, Ill., prison chaplains.

The newly-organized board reappointed Msgr. Howard J. Carroll as General Secretary of the N.C.W.C., and Msgr. Paul F. Tanner as Assistant General Secretary.

C.U. Convocation

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turned far away from the ideals of sinlessness and holiness exemplified by the Almighty in the person of Mary Immaculate. We are surrounded on every side by influences that are utterly at variance with standards of sanctity proposed by the Catholic Church. We are told that the moral principles taught by the Catholic Church are old-fashioned and unrealistic. Those who are endeavoring to destroy the ideals of the Catholic faith use many forms of attack—example, allurement, ridicule. To win Catholic scholars they make use of an apparently scholarly approach.

"But before the light of genuine scholarship, the fallacies and the sophisms are revealed. And it behooves us, Catholic scholars, to make use of genuine scholarship, with the realization that we have nothing to fear from those who strive to undermine the teachings of the Catholic Church."

Panel discussionists were: Mrs. Henry Mannix, Brooklyn, vice president of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations; Mrs. Sargent White, Falls Church, Va.; Mrs. Alfred Spillman, Brooklyn; Mrs. Frederick V. Murphy, Washington; and Mrs. Daniel Culhane, also of Washington.

IN A PAPER on "Mary in American Literature," Brother Celestine Eugene, F.S.C., professor of English at Manhattan College, New York City, indicated that Our Lady has been neglected by creative writers.

"Seeking our Dear Lady in modern letters and not finding her comes as something of a shock," he said. "You come to a wide-eyed halt and begin looking for causes." Aside from a fragment of Edgar Allan Poe and a salute from Joyce Kilmer, there's not much else, according to the Brother. He said that "the lovely verses" of such poets as Sister Madeleva, Thomas Merton and Sister Maris Stella "simply have not found their way into the anthologies as yet."

Cardinal Spellman's Father Bests Odds

Abington, Mass. —(NC)— William S. Spellman, 96-year-old father of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has collected "several thousand dollars" after having defied 100,000 to 1 odds.

Mr. Spellman outlived his life insurance policy and collected full payment from the Union Central Life Insurance Company. The company statistics show that only one man in 100,000 lives as old as the Cardinal's father. Mr. Spellman is in good health and resides here with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Garrity.

Federation Head Named

Paris — (NC) — The French hierarchy has named Henri Rollet to succeed Jean Le Cour Grandmaison as president of the National Federation of Catholic Action, it was announced here.

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Diocese Mourns Msgr. Mungovan, Vicar General, Hammond Pastor

Fort Wayne—Capacity attendance at Pontifical Requiem Masses in Hammond and Fort Wayne this week marked the diocese's final public tribute to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Mungovan, P.A., Vicar General.

The 77-year-old prelate was buried in Catholic cemetery here Wednesday following chanting of the Office of the Dead by scores of diocesan priests and the offering of the Funeral Mass by Auxiliary Bishop Leo A. Pursley in St. Patrick's Church.

The sermon was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. L. Monahan, Fort Wayne Dean.

BISHOP PURSLEY Tuesday offered a Requiem Mass in All Saints Church, Hammond, where Monsignor Mungovan was pastor. Calumet area priests chanted the Office of the Dead preceding the Mass and the sermon was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Jansen.

The body was transported by lengthy motor caravan to Fort Wayne Tuesday afternoon.

Monsignor Mungovan died Nov. 27, following ten weeks' confinement in St. Margaret's Hospital, Hammond. He suffered from a virus infection.

The body was viewed by hundreds of Lake County residents in All Saints rectory and later in the parish church for a two-day period following death. Included were top civic and industrial leaders from the bustling Calumet area where Monsignor Mungovan was regarded as an outstanding personage.

Monsignor Mungovan held a lofty position in the community and in his Church and will be remembered for his many civic accomplishments and his never-ending faith in people from all walks of life.

THE CLERGYMAN rose to civic leadership because he had always believed that a priest should be a leader in the community.

The well-known priest understood complex labor problems and served as an arbitrator in many area disputes. He believed the Church should be interested in both labor and capital.

Monsignor Mungovan, born Dec. 19, 1876 in Fort Wayne, was the ninth of ten children. He attended Cathedral grade school and high school and St. Joseph's College, Collegeville. He took philosophy and theology courses at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati.

He was ordained May 24, 1902 by Bishop Herman J. Alerding, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. He served here as assistant at St. Patrick's Church until 1907.

He is credited with building the parish church while serving at Arcola from 1907 to 1914, at which time he was transferred to St. Paul's, Valparaiso.

From 1929 until his death he was pastor of All Saints Church, Hammond.

Monsignor Mungovan

HE WAS NAMED a Domestic Prelate and appointed Vicar General in 1940. Six years later—the year of the Golden Jubilee of All Saints Church—he became a Prothonotory Apostolic Ad Instar. It is the Church's highest rank below the Episcopacy.

Surviving are his sister, Ellen, and his brother, Robert, both of Fort Wayne; 17 nieces and nephews, and 39 great nieces and great nephews.

Bishop Pursley has been acting Vicar General of the diocese since Nov. 3.

Evening Mass In Cathedral Wednesday To Head Diocesan Marian Year Closing Rites

Fort Wayne—The Marian Year officially closes on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, Dec. 8.

NOVENAS in honor of the feast and preparations for the Marian Year closing are in progress in the parishes throughout the diocese.

The solemn closing observance for the Fort Wayne Diocese will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, here, Wednesday evening.

The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne, will offer the solemn pontifical Mass at 6 p.m. He will be assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, pastor of the Cathedral, as arch priest; the Rev. Eugene Zimmerman, Cathedral assistant, deacon, and the Rev. Philip Fusco, Cathedral assistant, subdeacon. Serving as master of ceremonies is the Rev. Victor J. Ranly, C.PP.S., assistant at St. John's Church.

The seminarians from Sacred Heart Crosier Seminary, here, will fill the minor offices during the Mass.

MONSIGNOR DAPP announced the parish novena to the Immaculate Conception opened on Monday, November 29 and will close on Tuesday, December 7. Similar novenas were conducted in parishes throughout the diocese in accordance with the wishes of Pope Pius XII.

The Marian Year was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII as a period of prayer in honor of the centenary of the proclamation of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The diocesan Marian Year opened with a pontifical evening Mass in the Cathedral offered by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Archbishop of Fort Wayne, on December 8, 1953.

On the same day Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, pontificated at the national formal opening in the crypt of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Throughout the year diocesan parishes, parish and fraternal societies have observed the commemoration with appropriate celebrations. Most of the local activities centered about the major feasts of the Mother of God and the Saturday visitations to Marian Shrines in the diocese.

The celebrations offered the faithful the opportunity to gain special plenary and partial indulgences.

Rome Paper Calls Peron's Attack On Bishops 'Serious'

Rome — (Radio, NC) — A front-page article in the Catholic Action daily here, **Il Quotidiano**, has described the Argentinian regime's attack on the Bishops and priests there as creating a situation of "undoubted seriousness."

The article carried the pseudonym of Carlo Adami. Vatican circles stated that while the article cannot be called an "official" warning to the regime of President Juan Peron, it can be called an "authoritative" one.

The **Quotidiano** writer analyzed the Church-state dispute as a case of the state trying narrowly to circumscribe the mission of the Church. He reminded the Argentinian regime that the Church's teaching mission extends beyond the strictly spiritual realm. He quoted from the recent address of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to some 250 Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops in Rome.

"MANY AND SERIOUS are the problems in the social field—whether they be merely social or socio-political, they pertain to the moral order, are of concern to conscience and the salvation of men," the writer quoted the Holy Father. "Thus they cannot be declared outside the authority and care of the Church . . ."

"Common sense, and truth as well, are contradicted by whoever asserts that these and like problems are outside the field of morals, and hence are, or at least can be, beyond the influence of that authority established by God to see to a just order and to direct the consciences and actions of men along the path to their true and final destiny. This she is certainly to do not only 'in secret' within the walls of the church and sacristy, but also in the open, crying 'from the rooftops' (to use the Lord's words, Matt. 10, 27), in the front line, in the midst of the struggle that rages between truth and error, virtue and vice, between the 'world' and the kingdom of God, between the prince of this world and Christ, its Saviour."

Church's Mission Viewed In Letter To Argentinians

Buenos Aires, Argentina —(NC)—"The mission of the Church cannot be circumscribed within its temples," Catholics were told in a pastoral instruction read from all pulpits in Argentina last Sunday. The letter will also be read on December 5.

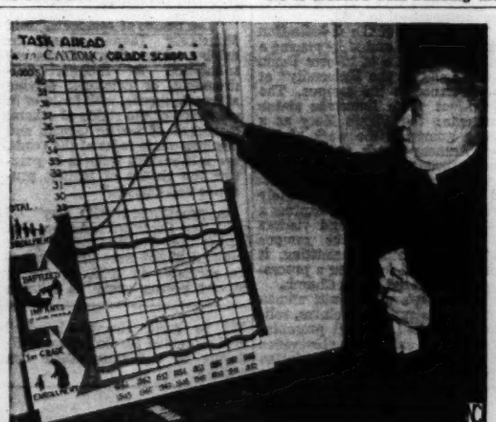
At the same time the faithful were instructed to "comply with your civic duties always, without detriment to religious principles."

THE INSTRUCTION came in a joint pastoral signed by the country's two Cardinals and a score of other Archbishops and Bishops. Heading the list of signatories were their Eminences Santiago Cardinal Copello Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, Bishop of Rosario.

The pastoral was issued shortly after the Argentine hierarchy had expressed its "profound sorrow" at government charges against three Bishops and a score of priests, and had asked the government to supply details supporting the general accusations against the Bishops and priests.

Some evenings before hearing the pastoral most of the faithful had heard a message of "tranquility and serenity" from President Juan Peron. He spoke over a nation-wide radio and television hookup during a huge Peronista rally called to demonstrate the party's support of the president in the Church-state dispute.

The president had initiated the Church-state crisis with a blunt speech on November 10 charging three Bishops and a score of priests with being "enemies" of the state. Most of them were active propagators of the papal social encyclicals.



SKYROCKETING ENROLLMENT — "In 1958 Catholic grade schools should be ready for 3,850,000 pupils," was Bishop Mathew Brady's advice to the Catholic Bishops of the United States at the annual meeting held in Washington. The Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Education Department based his estimate upon the steadily rising rate of infant Baptisms from 1945 to 1952 and a corresponding increase in first grade enrollment starting in 1951.

NEW DEADLINE

Correspondents are advised that effective immediately a Monday morning deadline has been established for receipt of articles and photographs at the editorial offices of Our Sunday Visitor. This will necessitate a Saturday mailing in most sections of the diocese.—Ed.

Father D. L. Faurote, Decatur Native, Dies At Tipton School

Tipton—Funeral services for the Rev. David Leo Faurote, a native of Decatur and a former priest of the Fort Wayne diocese, were held at St. Joseph's Academy here Tuesday.

Father Faurote, who since 1940 had been chaplain of the local academy, died unexpectedly Nov. 26 in his quarters.

The 71-year-old priest attended Decatur public schools, Valparaiso University, St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati.

He was ordained by Bishop Herman J. Alerding June 27, 1914, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

He served assistant pastorates at St. Ann's, Lafayette; the Cathedral, Fort Wayne, and St. Mary's Huntington.

In June, 1917, he was named pastor of St. Joseph's, Lebanon. He later served as pastor of Sacred Heart, Wanatah, and at Avilla. He was transferred to the Tipton school July 4, 1940.

Bishop John G. Bennett of Lafayette offered the Solemn Requiem High Mass. Chanting of the Office of the Dead was by priests of the Lafayette diocese.

Pope Returns To Vatican; Starts Advent Retreat

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII returned to the Palace from his summer home in Castelgandolfo in time for the opening of the annual retreat which began on the First Sunday of Advent in preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

IT WAS RUMORED that Pope Pius would pass by the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere on his return route from Castelgandolfo to visit the famous Roman Madonna, Our Lady of Divine Love, which was brought recently from its shrine in the south of the city for special popular devotions lasting until Advent Sunday.

However, the Pontiff did not do so, it being too difficult to pass through the narrow, congested area, and his advisers having advised against it since he is not as well as might be hoped.

(Secular news sources reported rumors that the Pope had suffered a recurrence of the ailment which afflicted him last winter, and that he had recently been given the last of a series of injections from Dr. Paul Niehans, a Swiss specialist, to help build up his strength. According to the rumors, the injections, however, have not had the hoped-for results, and the doctors have ordered the Pope to take a complete rest.)

SPECIAL ISSUE

This special Christmas Shoppers' issue of **Our Sunday Visitor** contains 28 pages of diocesan, national and international news and the usual variety of interesting articles and features based on religious exhortation. Also included are the advertisements of diocesan merchants and suppliers who have attractive items to be considered in Christmas shopping. It is through these advertisements that this special issue is possible.—Ed.

Fort Wayne Christ Child Festival This Weekend; Gary Plans

Fort Wayne—Catholic participation in Fort Wayne's fourth annual Christ Child festival Thursday through Saturday was to be highlighted by the Nativity Scene in the Exhibition Hall of the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, Fort Wayne Dean, arrangements for the booth were organized under the auspices of the Deanery Councils of Catholic Men and Women.

Central Catholic high school students were to portray the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, the shepherds, Darious, the hunchback, and the three kings. Statues of the Infant and of the animals were to be furnished by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Another section of the booth was to represent Christmas in the modern home with Christmas tree, gifts, and a crib with a small girl offering a red heart to the Infant. Other models were to carry red hearts, symbolizing the fulfillment of Christ's request: "Son, give Me thy heart."

Children from all Fort Wayne schools will gather at the Coliseum at 2 p.m. Saturday for a community carol sing under the direction of Igor Buketoff, conductor of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic orchestra.

The Exhibition Hall was to be open from 6 until 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 3 until 10 p.m. Saturday.

Committee members include the Rev. Raymond Balzer, Mrs. Lawrence Till, Mrs. Edward Ernst, Carl Brink and James Hipskind.

PRINCIPALS directing Catholic participation in the Fort Wayne Christ Child Festival Thursday, Friday and Saturday are (left to right) Carl Brink, Central District Council of Catholic Men president; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, Fort Wayne Dean; James Hipskind, Fort Wayne 4th degree Knights of Columbus Faithful Navigator; Mrs. Lawrence Till, Christ Child Festival general chairman, and Mrs. Edward Ernst, co-chairman.

Christ Child Festival Scheduled In Gary

Gary — Plans for Gary's first Christ Child Festival are well underway and the event designed to "put Christ back into Christmas" is slated for Dec. 20, 21 and 22 in Memorial Auditorium here.

Catholic school 7th and 8th grade students have made Festival announcement posters which will be placed in downtown store windows this week.

The program received impetus from the Gary Junior Chamber of Commerce.

$300 For Masses

Fort Wayne—A $300 bequest to St. Paul's Church for Masses is contained in the will of Mae Trentman, who died Nov. 17, and admitted to probate in Superior Court No. 2. The estate is valued at $5,000.

Catholic Lay Groups Support President's Traffic Safety Plea

Washington —(NC)—Strong appeals for the observance of Wednesday, December 15, as "Safe Driving Day" have been issued here by the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women.

AT THE SAME TIME, Msgr. Paul F. Tanner, Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, pointed out that, in 1949, the President's Highway Safety Conference "properly observed" that there are moral issues involved "in wanton carelessness which has life-and-death consequences for others."

"The causes of accidents," said Monsignor Tanner, "such as driving when one's reflexes are subnormal to fatigue, daydreaming, or drinking; driving at unsafe speeds, with haste or in contempt of the rights of others; disregard of traffic signals and common sense rules of the roads, are self-evident failures to practice the virtues of justice, prudence and charity."

In proclaiming "S-D Day" this year, the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety points out that 38,300 were killed in traffic accidents in 1953, an average of one person every 14 minutes; that there were 1,350,000 persons injured, an average of one every 23 seconds; that traffic accidents are estimated to have cost four billion dollars in terms of money; that there were nearly 10 million traffic accidents in 1953.

THE COMMITTEE asks that, on "S-D Day," motorists and pedestrians "accept full responsibility for complete adherence" to these basic principles:

1. Observe the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations.

2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian—practice sportsmanship.

3. Give full attention to driving and walking.

In short: Drive and walk as they would have everyone else drive and walk.

Plan Rededication Of Notre Dame To Our Lady At Marian Year's Close

Notre Dame—The University of Notre Dame will be rededicated to Our Lady in solemn ceremonies climaxing the Marian Year on Wednesday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president, will be the celebrant of a Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus. A sermon on the place of Our Lady at the University will be preached by the Rev. Eugene P. Burke, C.S.C., a Notre Dame faculty member for more than forty years. Music for the Mass will be sung by the Moreau Seminary Choir.

Following the Mass, Father Hesburgh will recite a specially composed prayer rededicating the University of Notre Dame to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The name Notre Dame, which is French for Our Lady, was chosen by the Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., founder and first president of the University, when he and his companions arrived at the site of the future school in 1842.

The occasion of the rededication will be commemorated by placing a sculptured figure of "Notre Dame —Our Lady of the University" at the entrance to the campus. The seven-foot white limestone statue portraying the Virgin Mary as a young woman is the work of the Rev. Anthony Lauck, C.S.C., of the Notre Dame art department.

The statue, which will be mounted on a shaft of approximately seven feet, is intended to express a welcome to students and visitors as they arrive at the campus entrance. Weather permitting, it will be blessed following a procession from Sacred Heart Church.

Wednesday's events will climax a series of symposia, lectures, religious exercises, musical presentations and art exhibits in observance of the Marian Year. The Marian Year was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII to mark the one-hundreth anniversary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Coming Events In The Diocese

The St. Rose of Lima Study Club of St. Peter's parish, **Fort Wayne,** will meet Friday evening, Dec. 3, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Ehinger, 445 Laselle St.

The 17th annual Communion Breakfast of the **Fort Wayne** Notre Dame club will be held Sunday, Dec. 5. Members are asked to be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception prior to 8 a.m. Breakfast will be served at the Keenan hotel.

A concert by the University of Notre Dame Glee Club will be sponsored by Unity Council 726, Knights of Columbus, at the **Hammond** Civic Center at 8 p.m. Sunday.

The first of the spiritual programs of the Rosary Society of Little Flower parish, **South Bend,** will be an Evening of Recollection Monday, Dec. 6. It will be conducted by the Rev. Joseph E. Payne, C.S.C., pastor.

St. Peter's Convert Guild, **Fort Wayne,** will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 6. Mrs. Catherine Neuhaus Hafner, author of "Clay in the Sand" and a convert, will speak.

Precious Blood School Parent-Teachers Association, **Fort Wayne,** will have a classroom visitation at its meeting at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. At the 7:30 p.m. meeting, the guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Keyes, pediatrician, who will speak on "Child Care." A Christmas handiwork sale will follow.

The monthly meeting of the St. Jude parish Holy Name Society, **South Bend,** will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7. All men of the parish are urged to attend.

Our Lady of Victory Circle, Daughters of Isabella, **Fort Wayne,** will hold its annual Christmas Bazzar and bake sale at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. A short business meeting also will be held.

The Parent-Nurses Organization of St. Joseph's Hospital, **Fort Wayne,** will hold a rummage sale Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9 and 10. The group's Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 12.

The Catholic Orphan's Guild, **Fort Wayne,** is having a potluck and Christmas party at St. Patrick's Lyceum at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. Members are asked to bring their own table service, a covered dish and canned goods for St. Vincent's Villa.

A Christmas stocking collection for children of St. Vincent's Villa will be held by the **Fort Wayne** Catholic Business Women at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. Jude's Hall.

The Rosary Society of Little Flower parish, **South Bend,** will hold a Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 16.

Gary's first Christ Child Fesitval is scheduled for Dec. 20-21-22 at the Memorial Auditorium.

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Bogota Professor-Writer Finds

Protestant 'Persecution' Reports In Colombia Inexact And Misleading

FATHER EDUARDO OSPINA, S.J., Bogota, Colombia

The "Reports" initiated in 1952 and sent out by the secretary of the Evangelical Confederation in Colombia (CEDEC) shocked the civilized world.

THEY CARRIED such headlines as "Police, Roman-Catholic Priest and Mayor Force Evangelical Couple to Attend Mass" and "National Police Try to Cremate Evangelical Family by Burning Their House Over Their Heads, Shoot at the Members of the Family When They Flee."

The first issue of Reports (March 31, 1952) related 23 cases of violence, the second issue also 23, the third 20, the fourth 28.

Additional issues bring the total to more than 200 cases of violence, some of which are nauseating, frequently bloody, and all supposedly done by Colombian Catholics against Colombian and foreign Protestants.

Foreign Protestants not only failed to reflect that there might be exaggerations or inexactitudes in such atrocity reports, but at times increased them.

OPENING A debate in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (May, 1952), Henry L. McCorkle asserted:

"There have been at least 2,000 individual cases of Protestant non-political persecution since September, 1949. More than 450 of these have been substantiated by investigation and signed statements in the past six months."

We do not know on what information Mr. McCorkle based his statistics. We know, however, that up to the day on which Mr. McCorkle spoke, the secretary of the Evangelical Confederation had not investigated more than 66 cases related in the first three issues of Reports.

In spite of impetuous Protestant accusations abroad, no document has ever been cited indicating that ecclesiastical or civil authorities of Colombia as such have proposed, approved or encouraged violence against Protestants as Protestants.

WHOEVER HAS followed carefully the happenings of our national life since 1948—after which, according to Reports, "the persecution" began—and observes the facts, not isolated and taken from their social environments as they are presented by Reports, but rather in their real environment of Colombian society of the last five years will discover the following:

—Some Protestants have suffered very much, but not for their religion but because of their politics.

—The Reports which relate there sufferings are not relating religious facts, but political proceedings.

—Protestant leaders in Colombia have used this falsification as a weapon which appears to defend a religious cause, but in reality has a political objective.

The total fact is that the suffering of Protestants has no religious basis and there has not been, nor is there now, a religious persecution against Protestants in Colombia.

VICTIMS OF VIETMINH GUNFIRE — Tran van Vy and his wife, Van tri Lim, Catholic villagers of Buichu province, Vietnam, were wounded, October 27, 1954, when Red Vietminh fired on two sailing boats carrying refugees from the Vietminh zone. By the Geneva agreement, the Vietminh solemnly promised to "authorize and aid" all who wished to leave. They are shown with Father Dominic Khue, Vietnamese priest. (See Weekly Chat, page two, religious section.)

Question Of Cardinal's Release Reportedly Splits Hungary Reds

Vienna —(NC)— The question of whether or not to release Josef Cardinal Mindszenty has deepened the rift within the Hungarian communist party, according to reports reaching here.

The dispute is between Matyas Rakosi, former head of the communist party in Hungary, and Premier Irme Nagy. The premier is described as advocating a "soft policy" toward the Church and recently voiced sharp criticism of "erroneous policy" pursued in the past by Rakosi.

Rakosi, one of the original planners of Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest, is described as a proponent of a "tough policy" toward the Church. He is quoted as warning that the release of Cardinal Mindszenty, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1949, would seriously damage the prestige of the communist party in Hungary.

According to observers here, the fate of the Cardinal will largely depend on the outcome of this sharp struggle for power within the Hungarian Red party.

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LOUIS KROPP

Fort Wayne — Louis Kropp, 89, died Nov. 27 at his home, 654 Third street after an eight months' illness. He retired from the Wabash Railroad 17 years ago. He was a charter member of the Most Precious Blood Church and its Holy Name Society, and he also was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Railway Clerks' Association. Surviving are the widow, two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

THOMAS L. BURNS

Fort Wayne — Thomas L. Burns, 91, died Nov. 28 at his home, 2401 Lillie street, after a three-day illness. Born in Fayette County, O., Burns came to Fort Wayne 60 years ago. He operated a grocery store here for many years. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and its Holy Name Society. Surviving are the widow, a son, and three sisters.

FRANK DEGITZ

Fort Wayne — Frank Degitz, 84, died Nov. 28 at his home 2338 Gay street. A native of Bavaria, Germany, Mr. Degitz came to Fort Wayne at the age of 16. He retired from the Tokheim Corp. in 1943 after 23 years of service with the company. He was a member of St. Peter's Church and its Holy Name Society. Surviving are the son, two daughters, a sister, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

MRS. FLORENCE CULLIGAN

South Bend — Mrs. Florence Culligan of Chicago, mother of Sister Mary Nazarita, superior of St. Joseph hospital here, died last week after a short illness. She was born in Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1888.

Mrs. Jeanette A. Shields, 82, St. Peter's, Fort Wayne.

Oswald L. Hord, 51, St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne.

Oscar Joseph Gutman, 48, St. Jude's, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lillian Gremaux, 67, St. Andrew's, Fort Wayne.

Theodore J. Stazak, 52, St. Hyacinth's, Fort Wayne.

Emil Cooreman, 65, Sacred Heart, South Bend.

Stanley R. Bogusewski, 57, St. Hedwig, South Bend.

Mrs. Agnes H. Nietgodzki, 76, St. Hedwig, South Bend.

Mrs. Mae Reed Johnson, Holy Cross, South Bend.

Memorial To American Australian Friendship

Sydney, Australia —(NC)— His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, has approved the launching of an appeal by a former Australian Navy chaplain for a new church (Queen of Heaven) in Beverly Hills suburb here which will serve as a memorial to the bonds of friendship forged in war between Americans and Australians.

The chaplain, whose dream for years has been to build a memorial church to honor American-Australian friendship, is Father W. S. Evans, who served during the war.

G. F. D'ALELIO, vice president and research manager for Koppers Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, is the new head of Notre Dame's Chemistry department. The scientist holds more than 300 patents and is a graduate of Boston College and The Johns Hopkins University. He is considered an expert in the fields of polymerization, rubber, plastics and fibers.

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Speaker Cites Leo XIII In K. of C. Talk

South Bend—Pope Leo XIII was one of the great champions of social justice and his 1891 encyclical, "Rerum Novarum," clearly defined the duties of capital and labor and gave encouragement to the labor union movement.

This was the theme of a talk on "The Social Teachings of Pope Leo XIII" by John Brademas, nominee for Congress from the Third District, given before members of the Father Nieuwland General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, last week.

"When I think of the term 'social justice', I think of one of its great champions, Pope Leo XIII who has had so much influence on our times among non-Catholics as well as Catholics" Brademas said.

He also described the influence of Msgr. John A. Ryan and Rev. Peter E. Dietz in the development of the Catholic social movement in American history.

"We may not all agree with the specific views these men advocated and indeed we may not even be members of their church, but their sincerity and desire to service God and Church and their fellow man no person can dispute. They were men of great ability and their lives should be an inspiration to all of us," he concluded.

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WORLD CATHOLIC WOMEN LEADERS — Honored at a reception by National Council of Catholic women at the N.C.W.C. headquarters in Washington were Mlle. Marie Levesque Du Rostu, President General and Mlle. Francoise De Saint Maurice, general secretary of the World Union of Catholic Women's organizations. Pictured on the occasion left to right are: Mrs. August G. Desch of Evanston, Ill., president of the N.C.C.W.; Mlle. Du Rostu; Mrs. Henry Mannix of Neponsit, Long Island, N.Y., vice president of the World Union; Mlle. De Saint Maurice; Mlle. Jadwiga De Romer, member of the Bureau and Consultant of the World Union in Geneva.

Medical Ethics And Movies Discussed By Theologians

Boston, Mass.—(NC)—The question to what degree the State can exercise its jurisdiction in regard to certain medical practices was discussed at a regional meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

On the topic of medical affairs, Fr. Ford said one of the most important aspects is "deciding just how far the State can go in safeguarding the lives of its citizens against their will."

Jehovah's Witnesses, Father Ford pointed out, often refuse blood transfusions on the grounds that they constitute "eating blood," a thing forbidden by the Old Testament in Leviticus 7:26-27. The question is then raised as to the legal liability of physicians and hospitals when transfusions are administered against the will of the patient or of physicians and hospitals who fail to administer them with resultant harm and even death for the patient. The question becomes more complex when a Witness is the parent of a small child and will not allow a transfusion even when the physicians judge it essential for the preservation of life, he said.

The problem for the moralist, according to Father Ford, is whether or not a blood transfusion is "an ordinary means of preserving life" for a person who is firmly convinced on religious grounds that such a transfusion is an offense against the law of God.

IF THE STATE should interfere in this case, the Jesuit theologian went on, then the question could be raised about State intervention in cases of enforced sterilization or therapeutic abortion, which are opposed to the Natural Law.

"The problem for moralists and law makers is to draw a practical line," he continued, "which will interfere as little as possible with individual liberty, which will protect against religious fanaticism, and at the same time do justice to Natural Law principles and sincere religious convictions."

There are two mistakes which must be avoided, it was stated. It must not be assumed "that any practice, no matter how ridiculous, must be tolerated if it is based on sincere religious belief; and, at the opposite extreme, that any interference of the State can be justified as long as the majority opinion, is in its favor."

"Majority vote," Father Ford said, "does not make or break the Natural Law."

IN HIS EARLIER talk, Father Ford praised the excellent moral evaluations of films by the Legion of Decency.

He then said that he and some other theologians believe that attendance by Catholics of condemned films did not oblige under pain of mortal sin.

Fort Wayne N. D. Club Communion Breakfast December 5

Fort Wayne—The 17th Annual Communion Breakfast of the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne is scheduled Sunday, Dec. 5, with Ted G. Toerne, as guest speaker.

Toerne will discuss the St. Vincent DePaul Extension program, using slide pictures with sound attachment.

Members are requested to be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception prior to 8 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the Keenan hotel.

$100,000 For Chapels

Chicago, Ill. —Ten chapels in mission congregations will be erected by the donation of $100,000 given to the Catholic Church Extension Society by Frank J. Lewis, Chicago financier. Society officials met here for the 49th annual conference, at which another gift of $100,000 was reported from the estate of Mrs. Katherine Price, Greenwich, Conn. The Society spent two million dollars in the last fiscal year.

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We have started this movement "Keep Christ in Christmas," now let us just as eagerly "Keep Christmas in Christ" by gearing our anticipation and preparation to the way of Mother Church.

We are now in the season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation, not gift-giving and celebrating. Holding meetings or gatherings to prepare gifts for orphans or the needy are in order, but gift exchanges between adults or between school children are not in the spirit of the Advent season.

Mother Church knows the importance of celebration and being joyful. Every important feast during the liturgical year is followed by an octave—eight days in which to continue the celebration and joy of the feast.

Because Christmas is so full of meaning, and the events that follow so important, the feasts of the Circumcision and Epiphany each merit an octave of celebration. Therefore the Church continues giving praise to the Holy Infant until January 13.

How many Catholic homes this year will be ending their Christmas festivities on January 13 and with Mother Church take down and store the decorations until another year?

To "Keep Christmas in Christ" the combined effort of every Catholic family will be needed: parents who dare to be different, by not putting up the Christmas tree two weeks or even a week **before** Christmas; who are still joyfully singing Adeste Fideles on Jan. 1; children who eagerly await the arrival of the Kings at the crib on Jan. 6. This great feast, when the Magi brought worldly gifts to the Infant King, would be an appropriate time for school parties and Rosary Society gift exchanges.

This is a leisurely way of enjoying every day of the Christmas season. Let us not allow the materialism of today to hurry us in and out of Christmas in order to meet the January deadline for clearance sales and inventories.

The material things we use to help make Christmas "merry" are fine. Their use should be encouraged when they are motivated by the Spirit of Christmas, but not when the things in themselves are the motivation for Christmas.

Will you and your family keep Advent in the spirit of penitential preparation?

Will you and your family withhold Holiday celebrating until the "tidings of great Joy" are heard in the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" of the Christmas Mass?

Collect Stockings For Villa Orphans

Fort Wayne—Collection of stockings for the children at St. Vincent's Villa will be done at the Christmas party of the Catholic Business Women's Club at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at St. Jude's Hall.

A Christmas reading will be presented by Miss Ruth Poinsett and Miss Agnes Hart will give a musical program. The program was arranged by Miss Marie App.

Club President Agnes Lawyer will preside at the business meeting. Miss Theresa Schwartz and Miss Rose App are co-chairmen of the party.

Peace Through Prayer Day In Philippines Called By Magsaysay

Manila —(NC)— President Ramon Magsaysay has proclaimed December 5 as Peace Through Prayer Day for the Philippines.

In an executive proclamation, he stated that peace is the common concern and obsession of all mankind.

The Philippine executive called on all the people and residents of the archipelago, "regardless of race or creed, to take active part in the observance of this Day to the end that we may enjoy the blessings of true and lasting peace."

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Hammond Deanery

Clothing Collection Planned To Replenish The Pope's Storeroom

The next deanery meeting will be held Monday at St. Joseph's church in East Chicago.

All women are asked to bring new clothing for infants and children up to 12 years of age to this meeting. The clothing will be sent overseas to replenish the Pope's storeroom.

A short movie on civil defense will be shown at this meeting.

An executive board meeting of the Hammond deanery of the D.C.C.W. was held Nov. 29 at the home of Mrs. Leo B. Smith, Deanery president.

Mrs. Smith read a letter from the Vatican expressing the Pope's appreciation and thankfulness for the First Communion dresses that the deanery presented to him in October.

The new N.O.D.L. deanery chairman is Mrs. Matthew Welch, Hammond.

A Leadership Institute will be held in January. Mrs. Roy Grimmer, Diocesan Organization and Development Chairman, assisted by Mrs. James Davis, Gary Deanery president, and Mrs. Leo B. Smith, Hammond Deanery president, are working on the schedule for the Institute.

Suburban District

A drive for funds to support the Pope's storeroom was conducted by the Suburban district of the D.C.C.W. The sum of $225.00 was collected and a committee of women selected from St. Mary's, Griffith, Our Lady of Grace, Highland, and St. Thomas More, Munster, will shop for new clothing for infants and children. The clothing will be presented to the deanery at the Monday meeting in East Chicago.

Hammond District

The Hammond district of the D.C.C.W. held its first meeting at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. Mrs. Josephine Pavlik conducted the meeting in the absence of Mrs. John Wellman, district president.

Mrs. Vincent Lauerman, War Relief Chairman, appealed to the members to support the "adopt a Korean family" movement.

Mrs. James McShane spoke on the work being done by the Hammond Community Welfare Council, especially on the help that is being given to help retarded children. Mrs. McShane was elected treasurer of the Hammond district and the new delegates to the Hammond Community Welfare Council are Mrs. Vincent Lauerman and Mrs. Eugene Harle.

NEW DEADLINE

Correspondents are advised that effective immediately a Monday morning deadline has been established for receipt of articles and photographs at the editorial offices of **Our Sunday Visitor.** This will necessitate a Saturday mailing in most sections of the diocese.—Ed.

Family Life Lecture At Michigan City

The Michigan City Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hear the Rev. Louis Bozik, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Otis, speak on "Catholic Family Life" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the San Pierre High school. Deanery committee chairmen will discuss "Home and School," "Youth," and "Rural Life."

Mrs. Paul Glazebrook, of Feft. will act as entertainment program chairman.

DIOCESAN representatives at the National Council of Catholic Women convention in Boston were snapped with Miss Anita Colby, TV beauty expert, following a banquet session. Left to right are Mrs. Albert L. Wozniak, Michigan City Deanery president; Miss Colby, and Mrs. Matthew Goerg, St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception parish representative, Michigan City.

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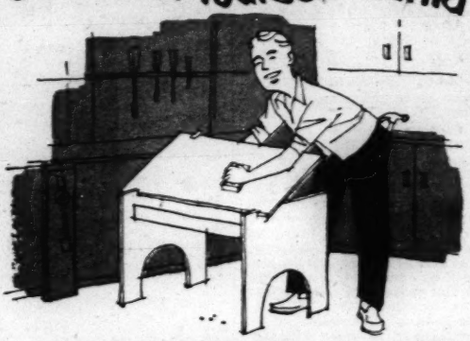

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OSV Pamphlet By Father O'Brien To Deepen BVM Devotion

Huntington — To perpetuate the fruits of the Marian Year and deepen devotion to the Blessed Virgin, **Our Sunday Visitor** Press has issued a pamphlet, "Prayers to Our Lady," prepared by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, noted author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame.

The booklet opens with an explanation of why Catholics honor the Mother of our Lord, and shows the Scriptural foundation for that practice. An appeal is made to non-Catholic readers to test for themselves the fruitfulness of this devotion, by praying to Our Lady.

The booklet contains all the most popular and beautiful prayers to Our Blessed Lady, and they cover virtually every human need. Included are the prayer to Our Lady composed by St. Francis Assisi, and also the Prayer composed by Pope Pius XII at the opening of the Marian Year.

Annual Christmas Tea Of St. Francis Guild

Fort Wayne—The annual Christmas tea of the St. Francis College Guild will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12.

Mrs. James Hipskind, president, has announced that the program will feature as its theme "Christmas in Other Lands."

Mrs. Marcella Grater, chairman of the Program committee, has asked the students attending St. Francis College that are natives of foreign countries to take part in this program.

Marian Monthly

Dayton, Ohio —(NC)— The **Marianist Magazine,** published by the Society of Mary at the University of Dayton, will be converted to an all-Marian Monthly beginning with the January edition.

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Allegedly Signed By 45 Vietnam Priests

Letter To Holy See Called Communist Propaganda Piece

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Saigon — (NC) — A letter allegedly signed by 45 Vietnamese "ecclesiastics" asking the Holy See's approval of the Red Vietminh regime and announced over the Chinese communist radio is obviously a propaganda piece produced under orders.

It is highly doubtful whether 45 priests signed the letter. Ten who are known to have been siding with the Vietminh doubtlessly signed it. If the others did, the majority certainly acted only under pressure.

FOUR PRIESTS, one originally from North Vietnam and three from the South, were recently in Hanoi with the Vietminh headquarters. One, Father Phu Yuan Ky, is vice president of the "National Front." Together with other Vietminh notables, he was guest at a tea given by the Indian delegation of the International Armistice Control Commission on the occasion of Indian Premier Nehru's visit to Hanoi on October 17.

None of these priests is in good standing ecclesiastically.

Six other priests reportedly are with the Vietminh in North Vietnam.

Whatever be the number of those who really signed the letter, they are only a tiny percentage of the Vietnamese priests, who number more than 1,500.

One wonders if the letter mentioned the nearly 100 Vietnamese priests—more than double the number of the alleged signers—who at last report are still prisoners of the Vietminh, although according to the armistice terms they should have been released by September 1. Maybe, some of these priests have been released locally, but it is certain that many were still captives after the agreed release date.

PRIEST-PRISONERS were chained in many instances. Did the letter mention Father Tin of Thaibinh, or Father Minh of Hunghoa, who were executed, or four Vietnamese priests and two Belgians who died in captivity?

Did the letter describe the ill-treatment of priests in parishes as "landlords," and the imposition of forced labor in some places, making priestly work almost impossible? Did the letter say anything about the hampering of priests' movements and the compulsory teaching of atheistic materialism in the schools?

The publication through the radio of communist China, which expelled the Internuncio and imprisoned and expelled priests, Brothers and Sisters, which tried to set up an anti-papal "independent" church and which persecuted Chinese Catholics, certainly does not make the letter any more plausible.

The letter is probably an attempt to offset the unfavorable impression created by the mass flight of refugees, mostly Catholics, from North Vietnam.

Cardinal Guevara Of Peru Mourned

Lima, Peru — (NC) — Government and civic officials joined in expressions of sympathy and regret when word was received that His Eminence Juan Gualberto Cardinal Guevara, Archbishop of Lima, had died here after a long illness at the age of 72. Created a Cardinal in 1946, he was the first Prince of the Church in Peru's history.

ONE OF SOUTH America's most eminent exponents and defenders of the Faith, Cardinal Guevara died less than two weeks before he was to have officiated at the opening of the National Eucharistic Congress which will begin in Lima on December 7. Now en route to Lima as Papal Legate to the Congress is His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Cardinal Guevara was the sixth member of the Sacred College to die this year, and the 53rd during the pontificate of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. His death came a little over two weeks after the passing of Giuseppe Cardinal Bruno, Prefect of the Sacred Apostolic Signatura. The College of Cardinals has now been reduced to 64, or six below its full quota of 70 members. As now constituted the College is made up of 21 Italians and 43 members of 25 other nationalities.

It was announced that Coadjutor Archbishop Juan Landazuri of Lima will administer the archdiocese pending the appointment of a successor to Cardinal Guevara, and also take his place in the Eucharistic Congress.

Cardinal Guevara

St. Vincent de Paul Men To Hear Charles O'Neill

Fort Wayne — Charles A. O'Neill, executive secretary of the Particular Council, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Milwaukee, Wis., will be the principal speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Fort Wayne Deanery Particular Council in St. Vincent's Villa, Sunday morning, December 12.

Vincentians from Conferences in the deanery will assemble at the Villa for the 8 o'clock Mass at which the Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Feltes, Chancellor, is to be celebrant.

Following the Mass the Sisters assisted by the ladies' committee will serve breakfast for the men. The ensuing meeting will be conducted by Joseph Colligan, president of the Particular Conference.

Mr. Colligan and Theodore Toerne will highlight the recent national convention of St. Vincent de Paul Societies in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The extension committee headed by Mr. Toerne will also report on new conferences established at Angola, Avilla and Bluffton. The Monroeville group is being reactivated.

Next Sunday's speaker is a past president of Serra International, organization which aids bishops in fostering religious vocations. He also has served on the executive committee of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and was former executive secretary of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Resettlement Committee.

Criticizes Government's Toleration Of Red Books

Bombay, India —(NC)—The extreme toleration shown by the Indian government to the circulation of communist propaganda books in this country has been criticized by a Catholic paper here.

The Examiner said that the government's attitude of "blindness and indifference to this unconcealed menace" would make it easy for "enemies of the country" to take over the administration with little or no opposition.

Noting the fantastic cheapness of the Soviet publications, the paper said that a book of 908 pages is offered for 50 cents and another of 552 pages for 25 cents.

Charges Filed Against 3 Nuns In Lottery Case

Merced, Cal. — (NC) — District Attorney Don C. Mayes has filed new lottery charges against three more nuns and a 12-year-old student of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School here.

The complaints are virtually identical to those Mayes filed against the principal of the school, Sister Mary Peter.

THEY ALLEGE violations of the state's lottery laws against all the nuns and the boy, and a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor against the three Sisters, but not the principal.

The Merced Justice Court has thrown out for lack of evidence, Mr. Mayes' charge that Sister Mary Peter, the principal, contributed to the delinquency of a minor.

The District Attorney has filed a notice of his intention to appeal the dismissal to the Superior Court. He said the Judge erred in rulings.

The nuns newly-named in the case are: Sisters John Michael, Mary Loraine and Mary Edward.

The boy is Billy Guedet, a student at the school.

Mr. Mayes started his court action, he said, after being approached by the boy selling tickets on a building fund for the construction of La Case de Maria Retreat House in Santa Barbara, California.

Serran Named

Washington — (NC) — The Subversive Activities Control Board has announced the appointment of Edward M. Morrissey, prominent Salt Lake City lawyer and life member of the Junipero Serra Club of Utah, as its first hearing examiner.

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